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Super leagues —here's how it could work

The Victorian Soccer Federation joined the NSW Federation last week in calling for a network of State-run "super leagues" to replace the present NSL competition.

But what does it all mean? Administrators have varying ideas about how they would structure the league set-ups within their own State, but the first man to come forward with a positive proposal is Tony Vrzina, coach of Northcote City, and formerly coach of Makedonia, Slavia, Croatia and Buller.

He's worked it out in fine detail, and the plan he's come up with could serve as a blueprint for change throughout all States.

His proposal uses Victoria as the model, but you can substitute for it any State you like.

Vrzina suggests not only forming a super league consisting of Melbourne's four NSL clubs, plus the strongest from the State Leagues, but also reorganising the lower leagues to speed up promotion.

Instead of a single division below the super league, Vrzina proposes a First Division split into east and west.

Similarly, the Second Division is split geographically, meaning that a club from say, Second Division West, can be promoted to the super league within two years.

Vrzina's suggested league structure in Victoria:

SUPER LEAGUE: SM-Hellas, Heidelberg-Alexander, Preston-Makedonia, Footscray J.U.S.T., Croatia, Juventus, Sunshine-George Cross, Ajax, Polonia, Northcote, Morwell Falcons, Fawkner.

FIRST DIVISION EAST: Croynon, Box Hill, Doveton, Wilhelmina, Knox, Frankston Pines, Doncaster, Kew, Nunawading City, North Dandenong, Ringwood United Serbia, Springvale.

FIRST DIVISION WEST: Albion Rovers, Altona City, Altona Gate, Bell Park, Broadmeadows, Western Suburbs, Richmond, Werribee, Melbourne, Moreland, St Albans Dinamo, Kellor-Austria.

SECOND DIVISION EAST: Waverley, Dandenong City, Caulfield, South Oakleigh, Mordialloc, Heidelberg-Bundarra, Mornington, Sandringham, Yallourn, Eltham, Brighton, Moorabbin.

SECOND DIVISION WEST: Thomastown, Ardeer, Prahran Slavia, Royal Richmond, Prahran City, Coburg, Sunbury, Port Melbourne, North Geelong, Corio, Geelong, plus Yarraville or Buller on the Provisional League.

Vrzina suggests two teams should be relegated from the Super League every year, to be replaced by the winner of Division One East and the winner of Division One West.

Similarly, the two Second Division winners would be promoted to First Division.

The leagues wouldn't be geographically rigid in the long run, because you may find four eastern-based teams are relegated from the Super League in the first two years. Only two could be accommodated in First Division East, so the other two would have to go west.

Vrzina suggests a national play-off series to determine the champion of Australia.

"There should be 16 clubs in the play-offs," he said, "with NSW and Victoria having the



Tony Vrzina

strongest representation. I suggest four from NSW, four from Victoria, three from S.A., three from Queensland, one from Tasmania and one from Canberra. It should be a knock-out competition, with prize money available to all.

For example, at least \$1000 should go to the eight clubs knocked out in the first round, \$2000 for the next four to be eliminated, \$4000 for the two losers after that, \$6000 for the runner-up and say, \$10,000 for the winner.

"I'm sure a sponsor could be found to put up the money," Vrzina suggests also.

• The present NSL chairman, Sam Papasavas, should be chairman of the Victorian Super League.

• Under 16 teams should play curtain-raiser to super league games, with the reserve teams playing in the morning.

• Only the super league should be allowed to play on Sundays. All other divisions, plus juniors, should play on Saturdays.

• No limit should be imposed on the number of imported players, but those players all should be from First Division clubs.

• The clubs must be given freedom to organise their own international matches.

• The ASF should move to start an Asian Champions Cup.

• There should be a four-week break during July, and this period should be used for a gala indoor tournament.

• Channel 9/28 should show edited highlights of three or four matches on Sunday nights, rather than one hour of one match.

• Referees should be instructed to speed up play allowing free kicks to be taken immediately.

The super leagues proposal was given impetus when the VSF resolved last week to invite the four Victorian NSL clubs to return to the fold and compete in a super league run by the VSF.

The VSF offered to amend its constitution, rules, regulations and resolutions to accommodate such a competition.

Hellas president Leo Anzakis said the four clubs might consider joining such a super league if there is no other way to reorganise the national competition to make it more attractive to spectators.

John Branov (Makedonia), Sam Gouloupoulos (Heidelberg) and Zika Karic (J.U.S.T.) said they did not want to comment about the proposal "at the moment."

Meanwhile, the ASF's league sub-committee met last Friday to consider the NSL's proposal for an enlarged national competition, split into two regions.

Recommendations from that meeting will be sent to the State federations, and the plans are not expected to be publicised until July.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Arok, Robson name their squads
for Australia-England clashes

Yankos in, Watson returns

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg's brilliant defender Charlie Yankos has been named in the final 18-man national squad against England, and Joe Watson of Sydney Hakoah has been recalled to man the right flank.

Watson was left out of the Socceroos' training camp in Sydney last week.

Victoria has only three players in the squad chosen on Monday by coach Frank Arok, and South Australia has none.

The other two Victorians are Alan Davidson and Ken Murphy of South Melbourne Hellas.

Bobby Russell, Steve Blair (Hellas) and Zoran Hleski (Makedonia) were dropped after being tried out by Arok.

Yankos has been the leader in the Boral Bricks national best player award for most of the season.

He is extremely fast, physically strong and dominant in the air.

He will vie with David Ratcliffe (St George) for the sweeper's position, or with Mike O'Shea (St George), Steve O'Connor (Sydney Hakoah) and Arno Bertogna (APIA) for one of two stopper's positions.

Watson is likely to be on the right flank, with his Hakoah team mate Jim Cant behind him at right back, and another Hakoah star, John Kosmina, upfield together with Marshall Soper, forming Australia's attack.



Luther Blissett



Trevor Francis — Britain's first million-pound footballer when he joined Notts Forest from Birmingham. He's now with Sampdoria in Italy.

But whatever 11 take the field in Sydney on June 12, Brisbane on June 15 and Melbourne on June 19, will start as rank underdogs against a formidable England squad chosen by coach Bobby Robson.

It includes million-dollar man Trevor Francis who plays for Sampdoria in Italy, as well as that exciting attacking pair, Luther Blissett and John Barnes who were seen in Melbourne with Watford last year.

In goal will be captain Peter Shilton of Southampton, formerly of Stoke City and Notts Forest.

Phil Neal and Sammy Lee probably will miss at least the first of the three matches against Australia, but will cut short their Asian tour with Liverpool to fly to Australia for the matches in Brisbane and Melbourne.

Despite overseas tours by various English clubs, only eight of the current England internationals have been omitted: Ray Clemence, Graham Roberts, Gary Mabbitt, Glen Hoddle (all Spurs), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Danny Thomas (Coventry), Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins (Manchester United).

England's strongest team against Australia would be: Shilton — Neal, Osman, Butcher, Statham — Lee, Covans, Williams, Devonshire — Blissett, Francis.

Australia beat NSW 3-1 in a full-scale trial game watched by 6186 spectators at Cook Park, St Mary's (NSW), last week.

Gerardo Gomez, John Kosmina and Phil O'Connor scored for Australia, and Vle Bozanic for NSW.

In the curtain-raiser, Melita Eagles 2 (Griffith, Campbell), beat Penrith United 1 (Boden).



John Kosmina (Sydney City)

AUSTRALIA			
Full name	Intern. caps	Club	Former clubs
Terry Brady.....		St George Budapest	Melita Eagles (NSW)
Kim Wishart.....		Brisbane City	St Helens (Q)
Defenders:			
Alan Davidson.....	18	South Melbourne Hellas	Altona City (V)
Graham Jennings.....		Sydney Olympic	Adamstown (NSW)
Mike O'Shea.....		St George Budapest	Canberra Arrows
Steve O'Connor.....	1	Sydney City Hakoah	
David Ratcliffe.....	3	St George Budapest	Brisbane City
Charlie Yankos.....		Heidelberg-Alexander	Bradford City (UK)
Arno Bertogna.....	3	APIA-Leichhardt	Polonia (V)
Jim Cant.....		Sydney City Hakoah	Wellington
Midfielders:			
Peter Katholos.....	10	2 Sydney Olympic	St George Budapest
Ken Murphy.....		Sth Melbourne Hellas	Canterburyville
Joe Watson.....	1	Sydney City Hakoah	Melbourne (UK)
Peter Stone.....	10	St George Budapest	Dundas (UK)
Strikers:			
John Kosmina.....	31	12 Sydney City Hakoah	West Adelaide
Phil O'Connor.....	12	3 Wellington	Polonia (SA)
Marshall Soper.....	2	Sydney Olympic	Arsenal (UK)
David Mitchell.....	11	6 Sydney City Hakoah	APIA
On standby:			
Greg Woodhouse.....	11	APIA-Leichhardt	St George Budapest
Steve Perry.....	12	Brisbane City	Luton Town (UK)
Gerardo Gomez.....		Sydney City Hakoah	APIA
Mark Jamkovic.....	14	Marconi	Adelaide City

ENGLAND			
Full name	Club	Previous clubs	
Goalkeepers:			
Peter Shilton.....	Southampton	Stoke City	
Nigel Spink.....	Aston Villa	Notts Forest	
Defenders:			
Danny Thomas.....	Coventry City		
Phil Neal.....	Liverpool	Northampton T.	
Derek Statham.....	West Brom.		
Russell Osman.....	Ipswich Town		
Terry Butcher.....	Ipswich Town		
Midfielders:			
Mark Wright.....	Southampton		
Sammy Lee.....	Liverpool		
Gordon Cowans.....	Aston Villa		
Steve Williams.....	Southampton		
Alan Devonshire.....	West Ham		
Mark Barham.....	Norwich City		
John Gregory.....	Queen's Park Rangers		
Forwards:			
Luther Blissett.....	Watford		
John Barnes.....	Watford		
Trevor Francis.....	Sampdoria (It)	Notts Forest	
Peter Withe.....	Aston Villa	Manchester City	
Paul Walsh.....	Luton Town	Southport	
		Barrow	
		Wolves	
		Birmingham	
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Charlie Yankos

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Victorian referee
Chris Bambridge believes the NSL has "levelled off" at about the standard of the English Third Division, and that some players are in the NSL "under false pretences."

Bambridge, who rarely stops smiling even during the toughest of games, is the only Australian referee who will officiate in the World Youth Championships in Mexico. And he believes that with luck, the young Socceros can go all the way to the final! "But that won't be much good for me, because it would ruin my chance of refereeing the final," Bambridge said with his characteristic smile. He hopes more players like the young Socceros will emerge to help lift the standard of the NSL which, he believes, should be much higher than it is. Commenting on recent criticism of refereeing in the NSL, he said: "It's very hard for a referee when the players don't want to play soccer — and many of them don't."

Morton's keen

Heidelberg-Alexander coach Ken Morton, who played for Manchester United in England, was player-coach of Rapid West Point in Hobart and had the occasional game



Chris Bambridge

Ken Morton

Billy Vojtek



Theo Seleimidis

Danny McCluskey

Zarko Odzakovic



Gary Cole

Jim Tansey

Frank Munro

for Wollongong, is still active on the field. He has a run new and then with the reserves of Heidelberg's Second Division team.

Vojtek's Saints

Crowds are flocking to see Second Division club St Albans (Vic.) featuring former Socceros Billy Vojtek as player-coach.

St Albans, which came so

close to being promoted to State League in the late sixties, is getting strong support from the Croatian community due to the presence in the team of Ned Batovic, Danny Dacic (ex-Croatian), and of course Vojtek.

Seleimidis' tip

"We'll be ahead of Hellas at the end of the season," says Heidelberg midfielder Theo Seleimidis.



By LAURIE SCHWAB

about his club's arch-rival: "Hellas has spent a lot of money on new players, but money alone doesn't build a good team. Heidelberg has had trouble putting the goals away, but we've been shooting well at training, and it's only a matter of time before our luck changes."

Whatever happens, Seleimidis is confident of another huge crowd when the two old rivals meet at Heidelberg's Olympic Village ground on July 10.

Elvis McCluskey

A tip for frustrated opponents of Polonia centre back Danny McCluskey: if he beats you on the field (and he usually does) you can get your own back by booing him at the Windsor Castle Hotel in Albert Street, Windsor, every Thursday night.

Seriously, though, he's a fine singer, and between them, McCluskey and the castle offer a relaxing night's entertainment.

Odzakovic tops

Zarko Odzakovic has become a favorite of Preston-Madonia fans and of everyone who delights in seeing skillful, exciting soccer. Listen to Claude Luchesi

talking about his team mate: "He's had a tremendous impact on our team and on our supporters. He's not only skillful, but tough as well, and he loves taking players on to have a shot at goal."

On the mend

Gary Cole has resumed light training after his recent ankle operation. Jim Tansey also is training, although his broken arm is still in a cast. Both should be back in the Heidelberg team during the season.

Munro back?

Frank Munro, partnering John Gardiner in the Hamlyn Rangers team at Geelong, may return to coaching. If Gardiner can do it, so can Munro. Gardiner plays for Hamlyn on Saturdays and coaches Croatia on Sundays.

Munro, former star of Wolverhampton Wanderers, came to Australia to join Hamlyn as a player, and later coached Croatia and Albion Rovers.

Dedicated

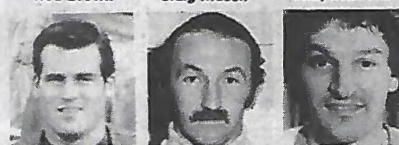
It's been 12 years since Vic-



Rod Brown

Craig Mason

Tony Mainenti



Nick van Egmond

Ray Pocock

Chris Petrov

toria lost 1-3 to the visiting English FA team in Melbourne, yet nine of the 13 players used in that match are still playing! It says something about their love for the game. The nine are: Nick van Egmond (player-coach of Wilhelmina), Sandy Irvine (Morwell Falcons), Joe Szabo, Steve Blezany (Hawthorn), Bobby Dobbing (Melbourne), Jimmy Mackay (Sandringham), Johnny Wallace (late of Polonia, now seeking a transfer), Ray Pocock (Heidelberg-Bundarra player-coach), Billy Vojtek (St Albans player-coach).

Wonder if the Socceros who met England next month will last as long.

Fawcner transfers

Fawcner's long-serving midfielder Tony Mainenti has asked for a transfer. Utility player Chris Petrov (ex-Sunshine, Macedonia, J.U.S.T.) also is seeking a move.

Top players

Looking back over the first 10 rounds of the NSL, the most impressive individual performances I saw came from Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Terry Palatis (Olympic), David Jones, Craig Mason (Newcastle), Doug Brown, Oscar Crino (SM-Hellas), Rod Brown, Tommy Sermani (Marconi) and Vlatko Belic (J.U.S.T.).

Juventus-Hamburg: all-star final on 7/28



Paolo Rossi

Eleven months ago, the national teams of Italy and West Germany clashed in the World Cup final. Now these two countries' standard bearers meet, with the European Champions' Cup at stake.

The game will be shown live on Channel 9/28 at 4am tomorrow (Thursday).

Whereas Italy and West Germany were each endeavouring to become world

champions for a third time in Madrid, Juventus and SV Hamburg have yet to win Europe's most prestigious club tournament.

Juventus made its debut in 1958. On paper, it had one of

By PAUL MOON

will be third time lucky for them.

Juventus have the credentials to not only emulate Bayern, but the even more fabulous sides which went before them — Benfica, Ajax, perhaps even Real Madrid.

Having though promise resolute opposition. A core of Bundesliga hardened craftsmen and thoroughbreds, they can call upon Manni Kaltz, arguably the finest overseas full-back in the game today and the muscular Horst Hrubesch, who is capable of upsetting even the ablest defence.

This could be the most enthralling Champions' Cup final in many seasons.

JUVENTUS

DINO ZOFF: 41 years of age, over 100 international caps and World Cup winning captain, surely nobody deserves the accolade of "living legend" more. He recently retired from international football and there is considerable speculation that he will hang up his gloves permanently should Juventus beat Hamburg. The subject of a world record \$1 million transfer fee when moving to Napoli in 1972.

CLAUDIO GENTILE: A resolute right back, who joined Juventus from Varese in 1973. Libyan-born, he has been a mainstay of the Italian defence since 1974 and is approaching his 78th international appearance. Solid in defence, but organizes counter attacks well.

ANTONIO CABRINI: Signed from Atlanta in 1974 and played only 20 games in first two seasons at Juventus, yet won a place in the World Cup squad for Argentina. One of the world's top left backs, he is also rated highly as penalty taker. Only 25, he is scheduled to win his 50th Italian cap next season.

MARCO BONINI: A \$1,200,000 signing from Cesena in the summer of 1981, he is a hard working midfielder, who complements the slicker styles of Platini and Boniek.

SERGIO BRIO: Commenced career with Lecce and joined Juventus in October, 1974, before being loaned to Pistoia for three seasons. A solid stopper, he is particularly strong in the air.

GAETANO SCIREA: Signed from Atlanta in 1974, he was originally an inside forward but converted to sweeper, which is now his role for club and country. The 1981 Italian Footballer of the Year.

ROBERTO BETTEGA: A cruel knee injury robbed him of World Cup glory. Turin born, he has been Italy's most consistent goalscorer of the past decade, despite early problems with tuberculosis. Now set to join Torino Blizzard.

MARCO TARDIELLI: Voted Man of the Match in the 1982 World Cup final, where he proved himself to be a fine all round footballer rather than mere stopper, as many had suggested. Signed from Como in 1975, and can play as either full back or midfielder. His early career was spelt by bad disciplinary record.

PAULO ROSSI: Current European Footballer of the Year and 1982 World Cup leading goalscorer, now has the chance to add a Champions' Cup winners' medal to the World Cup trophy. It has been a momentous 12 months since his bribery suspension was lifted. He has also played for Vicenza and Perugia, the former paying \$3.6

million for a half share in him in 1978.

ZBIGNIEW BONIEK: enjoyed a memorable World Cup with Poland, then moved to Turin for a reported fee of \$2.2 million. A goalscoring midfielder, he made his name with Witkow Lodz, the club he helped eliminate from the Champions' Cup semi final.

MICHEL PLATINI: The best player produced by France in two decades, he confirmed his status with a magnificent World Cup campaign in Spain, before signing with Juventus. An elegant linkman, his former clubs include Nancy and St. Etienne.

CLAUDIO PRANDILLI: A midfielder, he moved to Juventus from Atlanta in 1978, having previously played for Cremonese. Has spent long periods on the substitutes' bench.

DOMENICO MAROCCHINO: A product of the Juventus youth scheme, he replaced the popular Franco Causio in 1981 and has been a regular ever since. A forceful defender.

GIUSEPPE FARINO: 37-year-old veteran, who captained the side last season, but has made only a handful of appearances this term. A robust midfielder, he may be given a run in the game, for sentimental reasons, if Juve can afford that luxury.

GIORGIO TRAPPATTONI (manager): Capped 17 times for Italy as left half, he spent much of his career with AC Milan, with whom two Champions Cup winners' medals and a Cup Winners' Cup winners' medal (against Hamburg) were won. Appointed manager of Juventus in 1974, at the exceptionally young age of 37, and has subsequently taken the club to five Italian Championships and one UEFA Cup success.

HAMBURG

ULRICH STEIN: A solid and reliable goalkeeper, he has represented West Germany at B and amateur levels. His former clubs include HSV Wunstorf and Arminia Bielefeld.

MANFRED KALTZ: Among the world's leading attacking full backs, regularly getting his name on the scoresheet. A HSV player since 1971, he has been a West German senior international for eight years and also represented the country at B, youth and amateur levels. Formerly with minor clubs TVS Altrup and VfL Neubecken.

ROGER HIERONYMUS: A local boy, who joined HSV from neighbours St. Pauli, he can play in either defence or midfield. Has scored some spectacular goals when moving upfield. Honored by West Germany at senior, B and youth grades.

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Makedonia's Nobby Stiles

Unsung hero, that's Flavell



Gordon Flavell (left) challenges Graham Honeyman of West Adelaide.

By
**CRAIG
MACKENZIE**

He's been called Preston Makedonia's answer to Nobby Stiles, after the former Manchester United and England defensive midfielder who burst onto the world soccer stage during the 1966 World Cup finals, notably as the man who destroyed Portuguese striker Eusebio.

Gordon Flavell, a Scot, never will represent the country of his birth at international level. He has never played for Australia or Victoria and there's little likelihood of doing so, yet he is the outstanding defensive midfielder, especially as a man-marker, in the NSL this year.

The tough Flavell emphasised his effectiveness recently when he destroyed Hellas Soccerero Ken Murphy as Hellas and Makedonia fought out a dour 0-0 battle at Middle Park.

"I'm not a favorite of our fans. In fact we've had a few run-ins from time to time. That's because some of our fans want to see ball players all over the park. They don't realise that you need a blend. Apart from me and George McMillan there's no other guys who you'd call really physical. Anyway, the fans don't bother me. Peter Oller-ton picks the team and that's what counts. I get on well with 'Ollie' because I'm a 100 percent trier out on the park and he knows that," said Flavell.

Flavell shuns publicity. He's rarely mentioned by the press yet he's an integral part of the success of Makedonia this season. Every-one's heard about the Illos-

kis, Campbells, Lucchessi, Odzakovs. The Flavells and McMillans of our world tend to be pushed into the background. Not entirely due to the attitude of the media. When I rang Flavell to interview him for this story his response was: "Turn it up. You want to interview me? Oh no, I hate these things. Come on, you must be joking."

I eased into our conversation by collecting biographical detail. Flavell, 26, was born in Airdrie in Scotland. He went to Airdrie Academy with former teammate Doug Brown, now with Hellas.

"I think Dougie was kicked out of school when he was 14 and sent down the mines," quipped Flavell. Three years of studying architecture at Airdrie Academy and Glasgow College of Building ended when Flavell signed for Edinburgh-based club Hearts. A season later he signed as a semi-professional with Airdrie and after a handful of first-team appearances Flavell joined Makedonia in 1979.

"I only got \$200 to sign on Jim Cook fixed it up. When I first arrived, I thought the standard looked a lot easier than it actually was, even though I was playing in mid-field for Preston whereas I was a sweeper or full back in Scotland."

Tony Vrzina was coaching us and I got on well with him. He had a lot of skillful players and wanted a more physical guy in the side.

"My assets probably are that I'm fairly hard and I like to think that I can pass a good ball. Against that, I'm a wee bit slow and I could be a bit better with my left foot."

Vrzina was sacked at the end of 1979 and Brian Edgley took over, guiding Makedonia to the 1980 Victorian State League championship.

"Edgley was a good player. I believe, but he lacked a bit as a coach. He seemed unable to really organise us. He was a bit soft on some players and a bit hard on others. 'Ollie' is a better coach, there's no doubt about that. We're fitter than we've ever been,

which is going to be important as the season goes on.

"I don't think that there are any really great teams in the NSL. Sydney City was streets ahead over the past few years but that's changed. Consistency is the key to success. Teams like Hellas look great on paper but they're not consistent. They don't have players who work for each other. We do. That's the main difference."

Flavell has reservations about regionalisation. He thinks it will be better for the fans who will be able to watch more local derbies but he thinks that the standard of play will drop.

"Okay, we played a couple of State League sides in this year's Ampol Cup and had trouble against them. But that's just one-off stuff. I don't think that Juventus, for example, could handle the consistency needed to do well in the NSL."

Flavell's father, Bobby, is a legendary figure in Scottish soccer. He played two full internationals for Scotland in 1947, against Belgium and Luxembourg, as a centre forward. He scored five goals for the Scottish League against the Irish League. As a 19-year-old Bobby Flavell found himself flung into the Second World War. During that time he made guest appearances with Arsenal and Spurs. His Scottish career started with Airdrie, then Hearts, Dundee and finally Kilmarnock. Flavell coached St Mirren before becoming a director of Albion Rovers.

He gained notoriety for becoming the first Scot to play in South America as a professional. He played for the millionaires club in Bogota alongside the famous Alfredo di Stefano. When Flavell returned to Scotland he was found guilty of breach of contract and fined.

So soccer is well and truly in Gordon Flavell's blood. He won't gain the status and prestige that his father gained. Nevertheless he can say claim to being one of the unsung heroes of Makedonia's drive for the NSL title this year.

It's Croatia v. J.U.S.T.

Arch-rivals Croatia and Footscray J.U.S.T. have been drawn against each other in the second main round of the Victorian Dockerty Cup on June 26.

The games, to be played as double-headers from 1pm.

OLYMPIC PARK: Hellas v Ajax, Croatia v Footscray JUST.

GREEN GULLY: Fawkner v Western Suburbs, Polonia v Morwell Falcons



Ricky Herbert

Herbert, Cole for South Korea

By **PAUL MOON**

Ricky Herbert (Sydney Olympic) and Duncan Cole (Canberra City) have been named in the New Zealand squad which will contest next month's South Korean President's Cup.

Steve Wooddin (South Melbourne Hellas) is omitted due to club commitments.

Wooddin is replaced by a player familiar to Victorian soccer fans, Johan Verweij (Christchurch Mogal United), who appeared for Footscray JUST in 1981, while on loan from Brisbane Lions, has been recalled to international duty after an absence of four years.

Three others with NSL experience: Allan Boath (Christchurch Mogal United), Steve Sumner (Manurewa) and Grant Turner (Christchurch Mogal United) are also selected.

As the first squad chosen by national coach Allan Jones, the selection is particularly significant. Included in it are three members of his Kiwi side beaten by Australia in last year's Oceania Youth Tournament. David Burgess (National Mutual Miramar Rangers), Ceri Evans (Dunedin City) and Ian Masson (Mount Wellington).

Only five of the team which played in the All Whites last World Cup game against Brazil in Seville last June are in the squad.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 6

(Neill, Micklewhite, Fereday, Stainrod, Sealy, Own goal). WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1 (P Tomsides) in Perth. Crowd 9000.

Queens Park Rangers provided an immaculate soccer lesson before a sell-out crowd to beat a game Western Australia 6-1 in the Melville Toyota International soccer match at Lake Monger Velodrome last week.

Never before has the velodrome seen such a crowd, which topped 9000 and forced the WA federation to close the gates early, with people crowded on to the cycle track.

Si senior, she can be a beet amusing, no?

How utterly amusing, even if bewildering, it is to read multi-lingual bulletins sent out by sporting bodies.

Before last year's World Cup in Spain, I was often in stitches with laughter reading some of their bulletin's hilarious "English".

But no more: we've matched them!

The ASF has published a little handbook which they have taken with them to Mexico.

It has English text — and also a sort of Spanish.

Mind, I am no Spanish scholar — but I have discovered no less than 38 errors in the booklet, a fair effort for the 13 pages, not counting the three covers.

I'm sure that a Spaniard (or Mexican) will discover some further inanities, spelling errors and mistakes.

Sir Arthur George's very brief, eight-line greeting has six errors.

Apart from the Spanish mistakes, it also has a reference to the "COPA COLA COLA" which, I assume, was meant to be "Copa Coca Cola".

The Spanish equivalent of "and" is "y" — yet in the booklet this has been changed to "i" which means nothing at all.

But there are more amusing errors. In Scheinflug's biography we read: "Campeonato Tuvenil Tugado" which should be really "CAMPEONATO Juvenil Jugado" (Youth Cup played).

Peter McCann is described as "Tefe De Delegation" instead of "Jefe Del Delegation". The same mistake as if you called somebody thief instead of chief.

Tommy Grimson copped six errors in six lines. Blanco's share is three and the players all get their quota.

Then, whoever translated the English text, put some humor into it to amuse or confuse the good Mexicans.

Masseur Charlie Jurisic, in the Spanish text, is referred to as the "most sympathetic" member of the delegation — but there's absolutely no reference to this in the English version.

The reverse is true or Rene Licata who in English is described as "the Italian Stallion" — and this in Spanish is given as "possibly the fastest striker". Hm... Some stallion.

And so it goes — a pitiful, embarrassing document to hand out in Mexico to the World press.

Why the ASF or the author of the English text don't bother to acquire a professional translator remains a mystery.

Hope we'll fare better on the field than with our publications.

*** If — as seems likely at the moment — the ASF cannot secure live telecast of the World Youth Cup matches from Mexico, it will go down as one of the greatest scandals in their 20-year history.

We were told and we tended to believe that the dawn of a new era is about to descend on us with the decision of Channel 7 to "concentrate on soccer".

Well, so far this year we have had two telecasts (in Sydney) of the New Zealand friendlies.

For that Channel 7 outfitted in some ghastly tomato-red uniform three commentators. What a waste.

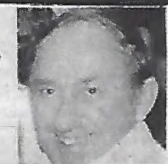
Even one of those telecasts was delayed until about midnight — not to interfere with the "Streets of San Francisco".

Channel 7 has not bothered with any NSL matches; Not even a film clip, often not even a Saturday preview.

The results on Sunday night are rattled off so fast that only experienced speed-reading champions can pick up — but not memorise — the details.

Now when it has long last they'd have something to crow about — a Youth World Cup, with Australia a proud participant — we are told that the

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Mexicans want too much for the rights.

Public service and interest be damned: It boils down to dollars and pesos.

For years now we have become quite used to "strange" crowd figures.

In fact, we have become experts at discounting the announced totals, discounting them according to venues.

On the whole, it goes like this: The announcer blasts over the crackling PA system that "today's attendance is 4,359."

So we quickly agree among ourselves that the real figure is 3,000 — but, not to pick a fight with anyone, publish what was officially announced.

Now all this may change. At the Sydney City v Leichhardt match the crowd was announced as 1,300-something. It looked suspiciously close to the mark.

And Rangers provided full value for money with a brand of soccer that underlined their power in winning the English Second Division.

They ran WA ragged, specially in the second half, after leading 2-1 at half time.

Yet amazingly WA forced nine corners to Rangers' four, demonstrating their desire to compete despite the odds.

But statistics of this nature sometimes fail to tell the full story.

WA started positively, forcing a corner in the first minute, but in the ninth minute disaster struck when young Frank Farane kneeled into his own net following concerted pressure by Rangers.

Goalkeeper Glen Guidici could do nothing to prevent the goal, but he did well to stop further breakthroughs till the 31st minute.

Rangers worked a neat move down the left flank before a harmless wide cross was suddenly hooked into the net by Warren Neill, into the top right hand corner.

The highlight of the match for WA occurred right on half time when a thundering free kick by Paul Tombides from 25 metres took a slight deflection off Wayne Fereday and flashed into the top right hand corner, with goalkeeper Peter Huck diving helplessly in the direction of the shot.

The second half was a different story and Rangers made a mockery of the jet lag syndrome as they increased their pace and bewildered WA.

Despite the loss, WA did all that could be required when considering the opposition who added that touch of toughness in their tackles and challenges, to the skill that one expects from such a side.

After the match, WA coach Mick Leigh shook his head and conceded that it was one of the best sides he had seen for a long while.

Is it worth the money?

Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos has hit at the "boring football" being played by many of the NSL clubs.

"Coaches and players must start realising that the idea is to entertain the paying customer and give him value for money," Gouloupoulos said.

"At the moment, we're driving people away from the terraces."

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Manly, Kuringai to clash in derby

Rain which lashed Sydney on the weekend added to the problems of the NSW soccer federation. Already having to postpone matches in round 2, 7 and 8, then having to lose Riverwood after four rounds, the NSW federation will have to find the dates to fit in three more games from round 11.

Melita v. Croatia, Polonia v. Sutherland and Yugal v. Auburn were cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Blacktown defeated Bankstown by three goals at the Soccer Centre, while Kuringai had to battle hard before disposing of Inter Monaro at Parklands Oval last Saturday.

The win by Blacktown put the Demons two points in front of Croatia, but with two games in hand, Croatia still looks likely to grab back top spot.

Kuringai has moved up to place, while Avala got into the top four at the expense of Melita after surviving a last minute penalty at Arlington Oval to defeat Canterbury 1-0.

However, it is very difficult to see how the table can show the true position of the teams after 11 rounds. The only side to have played 11 matches is Avala and has accrued 12 points. That kind of percentage usually would give a team a middle of the table spot, yet Avala is fourth — equal on points with Sutherland.

The team from Cronulla, however, was played only nine games, while Croatia, in second place, took only eight games to accumulate 14 points. It is also important to note that Polonia has played only seven games, four less than Avala, three less than Blacktown, Inter, Canterbury and Bankstown, and two less than Sutherland, Melita, Kuringai and Yugal.

North Sydney will have its own derby this week, with Manly Warringah entertaining its neighbour from the north, Kuringai. The home side will start favourite.

The Falconer brothers, Terry Smith, Bruce Doyle and Andy Scott will lead this formidable looking Manly side

against the league newcomer. However, Kuringai has a few of its own big guns in Glive Eaton, Tom Gavin, and Steve Knight (all ex-Sydney Olympic) as well as Stuart Regan (ex-Manly) who will be very eager to lay well in front of this old crowd at Cromer Park.

Could this be a grudge match? It looks like it.

Only two sides from north of the harbour are playing in State League and this clash is almost like the championship of north Sydney.

In other matches Sutherland should beat Yugal on Saturday at Seymour Shaw Park, while Croatia should dispose of Polonia the following day at King Tomislav park. Avala will have to do much better than in the past couple of weeks to dispose of Bankstown at Knight Park, while Melita will have problems at Queneyan against Inter Monaro.

Auburn has a chance to get its first point at Mona Park against Canterbury, while Blacktown has a bye.

Kuringai 1 Inter Monaro 0

Scorers: Frances op

KURINGAI: Curtis, Cevri, Hammond, Bertram, Robertson, Berry, Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Gavin (Davidson 65)

INTER MONARO: Curcic, Lath, Domazetovic, Santolin, Frances, Willox, Djordjeviski, (51' Vieri, McLeod, Godzic, Arguero, Rees.

Kuringai registered its fourth win of the season, its first in a row, this time at the expense of Inter Monaro at Parklands Oval, thanks to an own goal by Frances, Monaro's defender.

With neither side being able to penetrate, Frances put one past Curcic, after 50 minutes,



Andy Scott



Terry Smith

following a melle inside his own penalty area. Curcic slipped allowing the backpass by Frances to trickle over the line for the only goal of the game.

For the most part the home side showed great enthusiasm to come forward, with Inter quite happy to defend and rely on counter attacks. The play by the visitors almost worked with Arguero and Godzic particularly dangerous. Roberto Vieri, Inter's player-coach, came on after some 50 minutes, replacing Djordjeviski and was in the thick of things immediately.

Despite having to cope with two Kuringai players for the remainder of the match, Vieri managed to put in a lot of work coupled with some great through passes. However, his team mates failed to capitalise on some openings which came their way, whilst Curtis did the rest, making some great saves.

At the other end, Kuringai hit the woodwork three times in fact it was an Inter defender who headed against its own crossbar during the first half, then Brockbank hit the post with a fierce shot midway through the second half. Stuart Regan beat Curcic but the crossbar got in the way.

The home side had its best players in Regan and Mike Berry, while Tommy Gavin continues to disappoint the home fans since his move from Sydney Olympic. He was again replaced, this time by Steve

Davidson, who played a full 90 minutes in the second game scoring two goals.

Davidson almost helped himself to yet another during the main fixture after a solo run which ended just inside the visitors' penalty area with Inter's defence storming in to stop the youngster. Davidson was sound for the remainder of the match and could quite easily get his first team spot against Manly at Cromer Park this week.

For Inter, Godzic and Arguero did well but it was Vieri who stole the limelight during his 40 minute stay on the park.

Bankstown 0 Blacktown 3

Scorers: 37' Stoddard, 64' Kirwan, 76' Kirwan.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Kennedy, Augustine, Beck, Blackburn, Dalton, Bourke, Sirett, Silins, Parker, Gilligan (York 53)

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Wheatley, Rassmussen, Brown, Polinger, Salvage, Walker (Quarby 46) Stoddard, Davies, McLaughlin, Kirwan.

Blacktown edged away from its nearest rival after defeating Bankstown at the Soccer Centre. In a rain interrupted round Croatia and Melita did not play, allowing Blacktown to slip away.

The result of this match was never in doubt with Blacktown having some problems during the first period but asserting its superiority to score close to half time, then twice in the second period to claim the points.

It was the John Stoddard show for most of the match. Blacktown's recent acquisition from Riverwood looked superb. His control and distribution was first rate, while his goal, his first for Blacktown, showed just how dangerous he can be close to the penalty box.

From a free kick just outside the area, Stoddard curled his shot around the wall to beat a desperate lunge by Steve Griffin. With only eight minutes to go to half time it was the tonic needed for the Demons to take the upper hand.

Earlier on, Bankstown played well and had an opportunity to upset the much fancied Blacktown. Alan Bourke shot past the post from good position. Had that one gone in, things might have been different.

Paul Kirwan, who tested Steve Giffin from the word go, curling one in the opening

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

NEW STATE LEAGUE

Results of round 11: Canterbury - Avala 6-1, Bankstown - Blacktown 3-2, Stoddard - Kuringai - Inter Monaro 1-0, Frances op: Polonia - Sutherland 0-0, Melita - Croatia op: Yugal - Auburn op: Manly op.

TABLE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BLACKTOWN CITY	10	8	2	2	24	8	18
CROATIA	8	5	2	1	14	4	14
SUTHERLAND	8	5	2	1	14	8	12
AYALA	11	4	4	3	13	12	12
Melita Eagles	9	5	1	3	15	11	11
Manly Warringah	8	5	1	2	14	11	11
Kuringai	9	4	3	2	12	10	11
Inter Monaro	10	4	2	4	15	10	10
Yugal	9	2	3	4	10	7	7
Polonia	7	1	3	3	9	7	5
Canterbury	10	2	1	7	10	19	5
Bankstown	10	1	2	7	10	22	4
Auburn	8	0	0	8	7	23	0

minute to see Giffin hold well, scored twice during the second period to seal it for the home side. It was also a welcome return to the scoring sheet by the fast and entertaining Kirwan.

His first came in the 64th minute, after Giffin parried but failed to hold a shot on the rebound from Kirwan.

With 14 minutes remaining it was Tony Rassmussen who rattled the bar with a strong 20 metre drive and Kirwan again finished the rebound.

Stoddard, Kirwan and Cliff Pointer were the stars for the Demons, while Bankstown had its best in Dalton (ex-Blacktown), Parker and Kennedy.

Canterbury 0 Avala 1

Scorers: Rodriguez 80'

CANTERBURY: El Zein, Laws, Antonopoulos, Mantz, Anagnostopoulos, Andrews, Leung, Hall, Easterfield, Thannides, Theodorakopoulos.

AYALA: Ahrens, Lembray, Deler, Bertram, McKenna, Youssaph, Houssaini, (77' Rodriguez), Muniz, Fontana, Burrows, Milne (Fernandez 75)

Avala got the two points at Arlington Oval, but it was again one of these days when everything went right for it.

First, Andrew hit the crossbar, then Thannides appeared to have beaten Ahrens, but the ball rebounded off the foot of a defender then onto the underside of the bar and out.

Canterbury played well enough to subdue its opponent and create chances but when it came to polishing the moves off, things crumbled. On the other hand, Avala missed Karanfilovski — its star forward — and late replacements of Mulne and Housseini provided the spark, with Rodriguez and Fernandez firing.

In fact it was Rodriguez who got the winning goal with 10 minutes remaining. But it was not the end, not yet anyway. The last act of benevolence by the local side was to come.

Canterbury was awarded a penalty in the last minute of the match and Theodorakopoulos struck his shot well to make it 1-1. But the referee decided to award a retake as a Canterbury player was encroaching inside the area while the penalty was being taken. Theodorakopoulos took his second penalty, this time hitting the post and that was the ball game.

John Xipolitis, the coach of Canterbury, was disappointed with the result. "We played well enough to win, but if you don't score you don't expect more than to lose. We could have scored five, but we didn't and that was the difference. Avala came through one or twice and scored — that is the luck of this game," he said.

Ron won't interfere

Any lingering suspicions that Ron Greenwood was in Australia to "take over" the Socceros for the matches against England, were dispelled by the man itself.

The former England manager stated "no-one in his right mind" would contemplate interfering with a coach in another country. He won't be sitting on the bench, either.

Greenwood will be busy huddled in the network Seven commentators' box, presumably with Rex Mossop of former rugby league fame, providing expert opinions on the three internationals.

All of them will be covered by the Seven network, and, according to Sport's Phil Berry, the match in Melbourne will probably be beamed live to interstate audiences.

"This does not make me a 'critic' to England, rather I will only be acting in the general interest of the game of football," he said.

The main purpose of Greenwood's trip, underwritten by West Nally, is to conduct a series of clinics and seminars in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Wollongong, Newcastle and Brisbane.

Those in the know tell us that Ron Greenwood is being paid heaps for his time in Australia.

One man close to the ASF claims the fee is as high as \$1000 a day, even though Socceros coach Les Scheinflug gets only \$30,000 a year!

The \$100 figure appears to be exaggerated, but other claims put Greenwood's fee at \$800 a day — not far short of the \$1000.

He expects the England squad to be very competitive, full of up and coming players seeking to make their mark in international football.

Greenwood also recommended the inclusion of Craig Johnston, who has recently become naturalised and is eligible for international selection under FIFA RULES.

Commenting on the recession which has hit British soccer, Greenwood ventured the opinion that, "it's not a bad thing in the longer term."

"Too many administrators are on ego trips, trying to buy success, while 'star' players must come to the realisation that they have to work hard for a living," the former England manager concluded.

— PETER SCOTT

Blow in my ear and I'll fly you to Mexico

By ANDREW DETTRE

Guess what? In that infernal commotion that goes on in Canberra, yet another document fell into our hands. Well, it's not really a document: merely a memo note containing the recommendations as to the identity of the pressmen the ASF should take along, airfare paid, to Mexico.

We do not vouch for the authenticity of the document but it certainly sounds familiar.

TOP SECRET... ASF EYES ONLY... FRAGILE... USE NO HOOKS

Sir, We recommend for your approval the following four journalists whose fare to Mexico would be covered by the ASF.

1. Tony Underhara, 'Daily Herald'
2. David Zuck, 'Daily Sun'
3. Brett Instead, and
4. Allan Crust, both from some other State which we will locate before departure.

Reasoning: Stupor works for the Ghegish Khan network and this has obvious advantages for us: the empire covers every inch of the globe from the Aleutians to Zanzibar.

Estimated daily space coverage: 85 column miles in seven languages plus three radio stations, a TV network, a Sydney-based Albanian soccer paper and the Breadcrumbs' Gazette, Robert.

Zack works for the Lady Mixmax Group which includes newspapers, radio, TV, charity balls and assorted soup kitchens. The two interstate reporters are necessary to prove that we do cast our net wider than Sydney.

We do not recommend AAP and the ABC for obvious reasons which will be clear to anyone who happens to have a few days to ponder the issue.

True, AAP does cover hundreds of newspapers in Australia — but the majority are in the country areas where the national league has yet to gain a foothold. Thus it's best to snip them off the map.

As for the ABC, they have been covering soccer only since 1948 and that is a very short time in human history, perhaps just a blink.

Anyway, the ABC is not able to accommodate advertising or even free plugs for our clients. And further anyway, they have enough problems on their hands with that Three Corners Royal Commission to worry about Mexico.

Yours truly Sir, Further to the above suggestions, please include two more names.

A. Ron Stupor, 'Daily Enigma'

B. Pierre Passion, 'Melbourne Fun'

Stupor also works for the Ghegish Khan network which is experiencing some financial hardships, having just paid \$10 million for the forged memoirs of Josephine, wife of Napoleon Blown Away.

This second free trip will partly ease the company's current problems. Plus, Stupor has been telephoning us 638 times a week to get on the list and it's cheaper to shout another fare than getting a silent phone number.

Yours truly, etc. P.P.S. Things are really happening here. Please disregard six of the final number as we suggest for inclusion two more reporters, namely:

X. Theosofius Xanthomental of the Daily "We're Greeks, what else?"

Y. Ahmed Ahmed Atayanayturk from the Turkish "Alla is great but Soccer is greater" bi-annual.

With these additions we seem to be recognising the role of the ethnic press (please note the accent is on 'seem').

This makes it a total of eight which sounds quite a lot but let us remember that it could be worse. Like nine. I understand that AAP have decided to send a man at their own expense.

To show our generosity, the ASF will, once in Mexico, invite him for a plate of tapaca soup and present him with a plastic-bound volume of Steinbeck's 'Grapes of Wrath' as a way of introducing him to Mexico.

In order to prevent further inquiries, demands, threats and blackmail attempts to blot the press list, I have taken the phone off the hook, cut the lift cord, nailed the door, gagged the receptionist (that was the best so far) and have gone on my annual leave. See you in Mexico, Yours truly, etc.

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This week's hat-trick heroes: Oliver Pondeljak, 10, six

goals, Tony Gorgievski, 10, four goals (St Albans Dinamo); Janos Volf, four goals, Robert Tripunovsky (Footscray J.U.S.T.); Ralph Tirabassi, 14 (Thomastown); Jeffrey Southall, 15 (Bundoora); Stuart Kiremetiyana, 15, seven goals, Aram Istambulian, 14, six goals, Herman Gugin, 15 (Balacalava); Justin Sutton, 8 (Salisbury East); Craig Baker, 8 (Salisbury United Blue); Sime Micevski, five goals, Tony Cusovski, four goals (Altona Gate Vardar); George Laganidas, 13 (Caulfield City); Mirik Gugura, four goals, Lee Settle (Springvale City); Robert Mihalak, six goals (Springvale City); Patrick Stupers, 11, John Gragal, 11 (Taralgon East Olympians); Bradley Main, 10 (North Blackburn Baptists); Scott Allen, 11 (Mossfield Rangers); Chris Kakavoulis, four goals, Steven Paraskevopoulos (Keon Park); Robert Alessi, 10, four goals (Fawkner); David Caruana, Aaron Bloye (Springvale City); Tai Nguy (Sunshine George Cross); Luca Mantini, five goals, Colin Reilly, Steven Shanahan, Lloyd Lazara, five goals, Paul Barnett, Heath Matthews, Jamie Miller, Jason Clappison, Paul Cook (Lilydale Baptist Eagles).

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BORAL BRICKS

Nail Banfield of Adelaide City made the biggest gain in this week's voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 best player award, moving into fourth place with a best on ground performance against Heidelberg.

But Heidelberg's Charlie Yankos picked up one point to move seven points clear of second-placed Peter Tokesi (Brisbane City) who did not poll this week.

Tommy Sermanni (Marconi) and David Jones (Makedonia) continue their steady climb through the ranks, and now are in equal seventh place.

The winner will get \$1500 cash from Boral Bricks.

John Kosmina of Sydney City remains the leading candidate for the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer award.

He still leads with six goals, although he did not score at the weekend.

This week's votes:

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 4 (Barnes own goal, Campbell, Lucchesi, Odzakovic) **SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0** at Concor Reserve. Crowd about 5000.

Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. McMillan (Mak), 5. Lucchesi (Mak), 4. Jones (Mak), 3. Kay (SC), 2. Opasinas (Mak), 1. Odzakovic (Mak).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS 1 (Rankin) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 4000.

Votes by Les Shorrocks:

6. Banfield (AC), 5. E. Nyskohus (AC), 4. Dods (AC), 3. Blair (AC), 2. Seledis (H), 1. Yankos (H).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2

(Marion, Skeen) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Purdie) at St George Stadium. Crowd 2710.

Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Skeen (St.G), 5. Kyriakoulas (JUST), 4. Greedy (St.G), 3. M. O'Shea (St.G), 2. Priddy (St.G), 1. R. O'Shea (St.G).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Williamson) MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1 (Bozanic) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Mark Bridgen:

6. Jankovics (M), 5. Liddell (BC), 4. Hamilton (BC), 3. Henderson (M), 2. Sermanni (M), 1. Perry (BC).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 (Bradley, Mariani) **ANDBERRA ARROWS 1** (G. Byrne) at Pratten Park. Crowd about 500. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Scharmann (APIA), 4. Bradley (APIA), 3. Hoszowski (C), 2. G. Byrne (Can), 1. P. Tredinnick (APIA).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2200. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6. Murphy (SM), 5. Laumets (SM), 4. Davidson (SM), 3. Egan (SM), 2. Holford (SM), 1. Konstantopoulos (WA).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 3 (Boogaardt pen., Lee, Mountford) **BRISBANE LIONS 0** at Adamstown Oval. Crowd 3467. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Mason (N), 5. Lee (N), 4. Burke (N), 3. Boogaardt (N), 2. H. Tredinnick (N), 1. Jones (N).

Leaders:

37. Yankos (H)
30. Tokesi (BC)
29. Greedy (St.G)

24. Banfield (AC)
23. Henderson (Marc), Burke (N)
22. Sermanni (Marc), P. O'Connor (W), Odzakovic, Jones (Mak)
21. Davidson (SM), Hoszowski, Bryant (C), Vileitstra (W)
20. Murphy (SM), B. Nyskohus (AC), G. Campbell (Mak)
19. R. Stewart (BL), Kyriakoulas (JUST), Lowe (N)
18. Bradley (APIA), Spanos (H)
17. Skeen (St.G), McCulloch (Marc), Kosmina (SC), Hunter (BL), Hamilton (BC), Lucchesi (Mak)
16. Ratcliffe (St.G), Patikas (SO), Perry (BC)
15. Dakos (SO), Holford (SM), Gibson (C), Belic (JUST)

14. Dunn (WA), Bertogna (APIA), Kay (SC), Carroll, Boland (JUST), Jones (N)
13. Blair (SM), Jankovics (Marc), Gomez (SC), Watson (N)
12. Stone (St.G), Honeyman, Sproul (WA), Rizzotto (Marc), Dunleavy (W), Flavell (Mak)
11. Top scorers:
6. Kosmina (SC)
5. Soper (SO), Egan (SM), O'Connor (W), Mountford (N)
4. Bryant (C), Hamilton (BL), Lucchesi (Mak), Lowe (N)
3. Atsalas (WA), Brown (SM), Winn (Marc), Redmond (C), Rankin, Mullen (AC), J. Campbell (H), Gomez (C), Wright (BL), Cotton, Glening (W), Ward, G. Campbell (Mak), Jones (N)

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. South Melbourne Hellas at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.

Record: Syd. C. 6 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses, 16:12 goals.

SUNDAY

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Wollongong at Olympic Village, 3 pm.

Record: Woll. 3 wins, 0 draw, 1 loss, 10:5 goals.

Adelaide City Juventus v. St. George Budapest (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

Record: Adel. C. 6 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 23:8 goals.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. Brisbane City at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.

Record: JUST 54 wins, 4 draws, 3 losses, 15:13 goals.

Sydney Olympic v. **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at Pratten Park, 3 pm.

Record: Newc. 2 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses, 11:10 goals.

Brisbane Lions v. **PRESTON MAKEDONIA** at Richards, 3 pm.

Record: even at 1 win, 2 draws, 1 loss, 6:6 goals.

Canberra Arrows v. **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS** at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.

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Lions tamed by KB blitz

Newcastle 3 Brisb. Lions 0

Scorers: 1st Boogaardt (pen.) 19th Lee, 23rd Mountford.
Venue: Adamstown Oval.
Crowd: 3467.
Referee: Gary Power 6.
Cautions: Hunter, McClurg, McDonagh (BL).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED:
Gosling 7, Boogaardt 8, Burke 8, Watson 7, Tredinnick 8, Lee 8, Mason 9, Cowburn 7, Jones 8, Brandt 7, Mountford 7 (Senkalski 7, 53rd).

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 7, Marszalek 6, McClurg 6, Hunter 7, Niven 6, McSkimmins 6 (Anderson 6, 61st) Ogden 7, Hogg 7, McDonagh 6, Kelso 6, J. Stewart 6.

In what was undoubtedly

their best performance of the season in front of their own crowd, Newcastle completely demoralised the opposition in a breathtaking burst of scoring that piled up three goals in the first 23 minutes.

Spurred on by a sparkling performance from captain Craig Mason who dominated the midfield, and the speed of Grant Lee and David Jones on the flanks, Newcastle were far too good for Brisbane Lions who were unprepared for the whirlwind start.

The game was only 16 seconds old when Lee was brought down in the penalty area by Marszalek after being sent away by a beautifully weighted pass from Michael Boogaardt who was deputising for Ralph Maier.



Joe Lunzoni

Boogaardt took the penalty himself and calmly slotted the ball to the left of Scanlan to give the NSL leaders a dream start.

The Lions never quite recovered from the early set back and for the next 25 minutes were led a merry dance by the local side which by now was playing sparkling football.

The second goal was not far away.
Simon Brandt who was ably filling David Lowe's position,

broke away to the left and his low hard cross was left by Mountford for the unmarked Lee who sidefooted it into an empty net.

The goal that sealed the visitors' fate came four minutes later when a long free kick by Howard Tredinnick was nodded down to Mountford by Peter Burke. His close range shot was saved but not held by Scanlan and Mountford, following through, tapped the ball over the line.

At this stage one was beginning to think along the line of a cricket score but to their credit Brisbane Lions never gave up and continued to plug away without unduly bothering Newcastle's defence.

After a customary pap talk a half time the Lions put more grit into their tackling and helped by a slight easing off by

the local side just about even the honours in the second half.

However Newcastle should have added to their tally minutes before time when Graig Mason capped a great game by scoring only to have the goal disallowed by referee Gary Power for alleged interference with the prostrate goalkeeper.

Television replay showed this to be a perfectly good goal.

Burke and Watson would be the most consistent pair of central defenders in the League, Howard Tredinnick continues to turn in first class performances at left back, and Boogaardt's performances so far this season at right back would make it difficult for Ralph Maier to get his position back.



Newcastle goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

Own goal starts rout, McMillan the mighty

Makedonia 4 Syd. City 0

Scorers: Barnes own goal 6th, Campbell 11th, Lucchesi 35th, Odzakov 89th. **Venue:** Connor Reserve.
Crowd: about 5000.
Referee: Evan Venios 8.
Cautions: Mitchell, Bruce (SC).

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA:
Wilson 7 - McMillan 9, Jones 8, Oberston 7, (Petrovski 78th), Opatinas 8 - Flavell 7, Odzakov 8, Illoski 7 - Campbell 6, Lucchesi 8, Ward 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH:
Clarke 7 - Cant 6, O'Connor 6, Robertson 6, Bruce 6 (Souness 65th) - Kay 8, Gomez 7, Barnes 8 - Watson 7, Kosmina 6, Mitchell 6.

Preston Makedonia gained sweet revenge with this victory as it lost 0-5 to Sydney Hakoah in the corresponding fixture last year and had never beaten Hakoah.

A number of Makedonia players turned in memorable



Laurie Schwab

performances, including defenders George McMillan, Con Opatinas and David Jones and forward Claude Lucchesi, who scored a goal and set up another.

But it was a Sydney Hakoah mistake that started the rout. Captain Murray Barnes, back in the side after injury, went up in front of Gary Ward George Campbell, but headed into his own net to put Makedonia ahead after six minutes.

To his credit, Barnes fought valiantly for the rest of the game to try to lift his side.

Zarko Odzakov, who also played a leading role in this victory, weaved his way through the Hakoah defence in

the 11th minute and his shot was blocked one-handed by goalkeeper Todd Clarke.

The ball ran loose to Campbell, who scored from close range.

Zoran Illoski would have scored again had it not been for a good save by Clarke in the 26th minute, but a short time later Lucchesi made no mistake, running clear towards goal after robbing Alex Robertson of the ball in midfield.

Clarke came out to narrow the angle, but Lucchesi placed it wide of him to make the half-time score 3-0.

A header by John Kosmina - who was well marked by Jones - and an overhead kick by Barnes were two good chances for Hakoah before Ian Souness came on to replace Ian Bruce.

Hakoah pushed more men into attack, and left its defence vulnerable to Makedonia's quick raids.

Campbell broke away twice, leaving defenders far behind him, but instead of squaring the ball to unmarked

men to his left, he elected to shoot himself. His first shot, in the 81st minute, was saved by Clarke, and his second, three minutes later, went across goal.

Lucchesi however, reacted appropriately when he broke clear with only seconds to go. With Clarke narrowing the angle, Lucchesi slipped the ball square for Odzakov running in, and Odzakov side-footed the ball home for the final goal.

Makedonia's victory was a tribute to its defence as well as to Lucchesi.

George McMillan was outstanding, winning everything in the tackle, and subduing his opponent, David Mitchell. He coped two heavy knocks - the second requiring treatment off the pitch - but carried on to the cheers of the crowd.

David Jones kept John Kosmina quiet and Con Opatinas did the same to Joe Watson, while managing also to play creative soccer going forward. Watch Opatinas. He'll be a big, big player.

I like Paul Kay in Sydney City's midfield. He wanted the ball more than any of his team mates. Like Barnes, he refused to give up even in the face of the most hopeless odds.

Makedonia's late break-aways should have resulted in at least two more goals, but in fairness to Hakoah, those breaks were due mainly to the fact that Eddie Thomson, the coach, elected to deplete his defence and send his men forward, looking for at least one goal to make things look a little more respectable.

The skills of Zarko Odzakov again were a delight to behold. He was prominent in the first half, when it was his mazy run and hard shot that resulted in Campbell scoring from Clarke's deflection, and of course, Odzakov scored the last goal himself.

If he seemed subdued in the second half, it was because he was concentrating on marking Gerardo Gomez, who had been Sydney Hakoah's most dangerous player in the first half. The fact that Gomez was much less prominent after the interval was of great credit to Odzakov.

Because it was Makedonia's first victory over Sydney Hakoah, let's have a look at the previous results:

1982 Makedonia 0 Hakoah 5 (Kosmina 2, Murray, Spanios). Hakoah 1 (Bruce) Makedonia 1 (Brown).

1981 Makedonia 0 Hakoah 2 (Barnes, Kosmina). Hakoah 2 (Souness pen., Watson) Makedonia 0.

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The only event worthy of note in a first-half that was one long yawn, was when Joe Angele got in the way of Charlie Villani's effort and diverted it over Jeff Oliver's head but the goalie's horror turned to relief as the ball thudded against the crossbar.

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Claude Lucchesi



Adelaide City's Charlie Villani is tackled by Ian McKie of Heidelberg. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Rankin makes Heidelberg pay for baffling tactics

By LES SHORROCK

Heidelberg 0 Adel City 1

Scorer: Rankin 84th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Referee: S. Mellings 9.
HEIDELBERG - ALEXANDER: Oliver 6, McKie 6, Yankos 6, Macleod 6, Angole 5, Selemidis 7, Toro 6, Spanos 6, (Patterson 78th) Valentina 5, Lea 6, Campbell 5.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVEN-TUS: McNally 5, Cole 5, B. Nyskonus 7, Banfield 6, Dods 6, Blair 6, Melta 5, Carter 6, Villani 6, Rankin 6, Mullen 5.

Heidelberg's unbeaten home record went down the drain on Sunday, thanks more to the Bergers' ineptitude than to any efforts by Adelaide City.

Indeed, City played throughout with the air of a team that would be more than happy to go home with a point, but it needn't have worried; Heidelberg was even more lacking in enterprise than it had been a week before against Footscray J.U.S.T.

And if the Bergers' faithful fans were baffled by the strange formation of the team and its tactics, they're in good company. The players were baffled too, and the Press as well for that matter.

Apparently, the team was supposed to play a three-four-three formation, consisting of Charlie Yankos, Don Macleod and Joe Angele at the back, Theo Selemidis, Ian McKie, Juan Toro and John Spanos in midfield, and Mick Valentine, Derek Lea and Jim Campbell forming a three-pronged attack.

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Adelaide City goalkeeper Willie McNally gathers in the ball under pressure from Derek Lea (Heidelberg).

as a cat on hot bricks, only twice.

Theo Selemidis was unlucky with a header which hit the post and McNally flapped away the rebound, and Mick Valentine hit the bar with a fierce volley.

But the wheels fell off six minutes after Patterson's introduction when Charlie Villani sprinted down the right flank and 'skinned' temporary

full-back Mike Valentine to cross low and hard.

Peter Rankin left his marker, Joe Angele, for dead and deflected the ball into goal at the far post, and City couldn't believe their luck.

The new stand at Olympic Village looks fine, by the way, and it's a credit to the club. The only problem is, if the Bergers don't start scoring goals soon, the stand will be empty.

Poles' own goal

An own goal by giant Polish defender Roman Wojcicki in a Group Two qualifying game strengthened the Soviet Union's chances of winning a place in the finals of the European Championship.

The goal, midway through the second half, cancelled out a 21st minute diving header by striker Zbigniew Boniek and earned the Soviet team a 1-1 draw in Chorzow, Southern Poland.

With five points from three games, they are now clear favorites to reach the finals in France next year.

Poland, who finished third in last year's World Cup, are likely to pay a heavy price for an unconvincing performance away to Portugal and a disastrous 1-1 home draw with Finland last month when they also conceded an own goal.

The Soviet Union, disciplined, fit and tough, has clearly come with defence upmost in their minds and it took a movement of classic simplicity perfectly executed by Boniek to breach their lines.

Wlodzimierz Smolarek found the busy, creative Jan Jajocha free on the left and his finely-struck cross evaded three Soviet defenders before it was met by the flying figure of Boniek.

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A.P.I.A. 2 Canberra 1

Scorers: Bradley, Mariani (A), G. Byrne (C)
Ground: Prenton Park
Crowd: Approx. 500
Referee: Arthur Owens 5
Yellow cards: Walsh, T. Byrne, Petrovic, Stone (C), Brown, Bertogna (A)
A.P.I.A.: Woodhouse 7, Carter 7, (De Ceglie 61' - 7), Brown 7, Masiani 8, Bertogna 7, Butler 6, Gray 7, Scharmann 9, Bradley 8, Giampaolo 6, P. Tredinnick 7.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7, Moutsopoulos 6, Young 7, T. Byrne 7, Walsh 6, G. Byrne 7, Stone 6, Bryant 6, Petrovic 6 (Radmond 70'), Cole 5, Gibson 5.

APIA Leichhardt and Canberra Arrows battled the elements at Pratten Park before APIA clinched its third points with a fine header by Bertie Mariani close to the full time.

Not only did both sides have to contend with some unkind ground conditions, rain, mud and patches of water close to the side lines, but also with one of the worst exhibitions of refereeing this year.

It was one of the worst I've seen from Arthur Owens. He dished out six yellow cards but most of the tackles which caused them were due to the slippery conditions, with some heavier ones going unpunished.

Despite this inconsistency by the ref, both sides provided good value for money, with APIA coming out one goal better off and three points richer.

John Bradley scored following a superb through pass by Mariani after 35 minutes, but Gary Byrne levelled it for the visitors soon after with a neat header from a floater by Ian Gibson.

The game looked destined to end in a draw despite APIA's constant pressure in the second half before Mariani rose high to head home a cross from Ian Gray.

The problems which caused APIA to lose points during this year were apparent yet again. Despite some brilliant play from Johan Scharmann and some good touches by Peter Tredinnick, there seems to be little up front to cause concern to the opposing keeper.

Hoszowski was called upon to make the best save of the match from a sizzler by Terry Butler, while Scharmann managed to hit the post from outside the box. Apart from that, Giampaolo muffed a chance at the edge of the area following a good move by APIA, then Butler screwed one wide with only the keeper to beat.

Canberra never looked comfortable and defended for most of the match with APIA's Scharmann directing traffic in midfield for the entire game. Gary Byrne was the only midfielder who offered some resistance.

It was a shame that such a small crowd turned up, for it was an entertaining spectacle, despite the atrocious conditions of the park and some curious decisions by the ref.



Hellas strongman Bobby Russell (centre) wins this heading duel against West Adelaide's Tim Brown (left) and Graham Heys. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

JANKOVICS SPARKS REVIVAL

By MARK BRIGDEN

Bris City 1 Marconi 1

Scorers: Williamson 24th (BC), Bozanic 75th (M).
Ground: Spencer Park.
Crowd: About 1600.
Referee: Dave Nugent 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Perry 8, Liddell 8, Tokost 8, Wilkinson 6, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 8, Hughes 6, Williamson 7, Cairney 7, Bronfield 7 (Falco 82nd).

MARCONI: James 6, Bozanic 7, Dagny 7, Henderson 8, Budini 7, Georgovic 6 (Hunter 59th, 7), Sermanni 8, O'Rourke 7, Carbone 6, Jankovic 8, Winn 7.

Marconi, without the services of four youth internationals was expected to be easy pickings for the hard-working Brisbane City team determined to return to the top of the league.

Indeed, it was Brisbane City that applied all the pressure and it seemed only a matter of time before the goals came. The first clear cut chance resulted from a poor clearance by Bruce James in the 12th minute. The Marconi keeper came out of his area to meet a long ball but only could steer it down for Joe Cairney to unleash a powerful volley which James just managed to tip over.

James also was at fault in

the 20th minute when he failed to hold a Steve Perry cross and Bobby Hamilton tucked the ball into the net. However, luck again was on his side as referee Nugent disallowed the goal believing that Hamilton had kicked the ball out of the keeper's hands.

The Marconi defence finally was punished in the 24th minute when the accurate distribution of Liddell and the finishing power of Williamson combined to put Brisbane City ahead. The Brisbane outfit, which has demoralised all visiting teams this year with strong second half performances seemed to be in a commanding position.

However it was a different Marconi after the break. Tony Henderson tightened the defence and Mark Jankovics was creating havoc on the right flank. The Soccerco Striker was unlucky not to score in the 72nd minute when his shot beat Kim Wishart but not the upright. It was his cross however, three minutes later which gave fullback Vic Bozanic the opportunity to place his shot in the corner for the equaliser.

Minutes later, Marconi's latest scoring sensation, Englishman Steve Winn, rose to head goalwards from a corner but with Wishart beaten, Bobby Hamilton was there to clear off the line.

It was a disappointing performance by City, but a courageous and promising fight-back by Marconi.

Herbin

Former St. Etienne manager Robert Herbin has taken over at Lyon for the rest of the season.

Scarborough

Scarborough is the venue for this year's four nation semi-professional tournament between Holland, Scotland, Italy and England with fixtures from May 31 to June 4.

Hans Krankl

Hans Krankl has been voted 'Footballer of the Year' in Austria by polling almost a third of the total votes cast. Krankl last won the award in 1976.

France tops

An exhilarating piece of running and shooting from fullback Bertrand Reuzéau gave France its first European Youth Soccer title since 1949, when it beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 at White Hart Lane in London.

In the play-off for third place England edged Italy on penalties after the scores were tied 1-1 at fulltime.

BROWN BREAKS THE DROUGHT



Meno Toutsidis

West Adel. 0 SM-Hellas 1

Goal: 5th Melbourne - Brown 8th.
Cautions: Buljevic (5th Melb); Manou (West).
Referee: Jim Rossis 8.
Crowd: 3200.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 7 - McGregor 8, McGachey 7, Dunn 7, Amoy 7, Manou 7, Brennan 6, Atsalas 7 - Heys 8, Brown 6, (Calandaris 75th), Konstantopoulos 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 9 - Russell 8, Yzendaorn 7, Blair 8, Davidson 8 - Murphy 9, Halford 8, Buljevic 7, Brown 7 (Crino 74th), Woodin 7, Egan 8.

South Melbourne Hellas won its first game in six weeks by edging past West Adelaide Hellas 1-0 with an eight-minute Doug Brown goal.

South looked immaculate in the first half and could have run up a three or four-goal lead, but West Adelaide rebounded after the break, and though they lacked South's class, could have had at least a goal or two.

The win no doubt brought great relief to Rale Rasic, who though he has concealed it well, has been under great pressure.

The small core of hecklers within the club will now hopefully remain silent while South Melbourne begins its charge for the top.

South opened the match sensationally and had West on the ropes within minutes. Not only did Brown put them one goal ahead, but every attack had West's defence scrambling desperately.

Brown, the elusive Charlie Egan and Steve Woodin combined beautifully, while Ken Murphy was all power in midfield.

South's defence was almost impregnable, but West still managed to carve out two excellent chances.

First, George Konstantopoulos, making his NSL debut, forced Peter Laumets to make a fine save after hammering a great shot from close range.

And later in the half, Robbie Dunn saw his equally strong shot cleared off the line.

West battled hard in the second half and though they were untidy in their movement, South were lucky not to concede an equaliser.

Mick Brennan slammed a glorious volley which Laumets repelled brilliantly and later in the game Laumets blocked a goal-bound Steve Atsalas shot.

But Graham Heys had the best opportunity in the 72nd minute when he picked up

loose ball and with an open goal he steered his shot wide.

But in the end, the score did justice to South whose pace, skill and quick passing were a pleasure to watch.

While this win does not necessarily mean, South Mel-

bourne have left the bad days behind them, I rather suspect Rasic's men are about to give the top of the table a major shake-up.

One of the most pleasing aspects for West was the form of George Konstantopoulos

who has the pace and skill to succeed in the PSL.

The teenage, blonde haired striker moved to West from Azzurri a few months ago after joining the Italian club from Port Adelaide at the start of the year.

Counter-attack plan doesn't fool Saints

St. George 2 Foots. JUST 1

At St George Stadium.

Crowd: 2710.
Scorers: Marton (S) 6th min, Skeen 8, M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 6, Wilkinson 6, Slater 5, Muskovits 5 (Ricoy 68th min), Marton 8.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 4, Curovic 6, tuttil 6, Macleod 6, Hazabent 6, Taylor 5, Kyriakouleas 7, Balic 6, Purdie 6 (Simic 72nd min), Carroll 5, Lujic 6.

Frank Arok's boys gained three invaluable points under leaden skies and, late in the game, in near darkness, to climb into third place on the NSL ladder.

While the standard of the match, played on a rain-soaked pitch, was far short of satisfactory, there was plenty of action to keep the crowd involved right to the end.

Budapest set out from the



Peter Scott

start intent on avoiding JUST trap for the unwary.

The Hungarians never intended to get to a stage of acting as "battering rams" on a massed defence, eventually to succumb to JUST's counter-attacking strategy.

But from the start the home team was looking for an early goal, and Dez Marton succeeded admirably in the sixth minute.

JUST found itself in the invidious position of having to weaken its strongest unit, the defence, in an attempt to get back on even terms.

This inevitably led to more

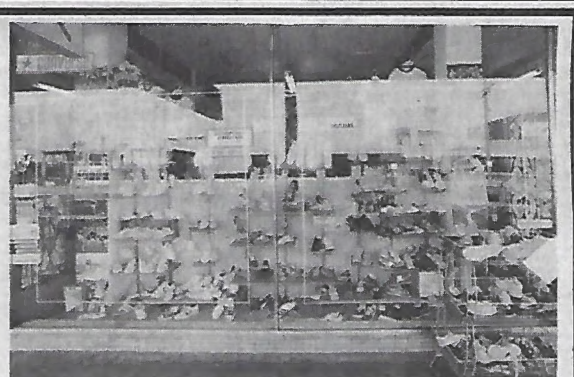
opportunities for Budapest, and only the manner of David Skeen's 40th minute goal, not its actual happening, could be termed as a surprise.

At least 30 metres out on the right flank, the young full-back looked ready for a cross into the penalty area, when he noticed the usually shrewd JUST goalie, Dennis Boland, advance off his line.

A quick change of mind and a brilliantly curved lob shot over the head of the desperately backtracking Boland and the score was 2-0 for the Saints.

There were to be no more goals from the Saints, mainly due to Kyriakouleas' tight marking of marksman Marton, as well as the lack of accuracy or penetration by either Slater or Muskovits.

Curovic fought bravely to set up Purdie for the easiest of scoring chances, which the latter duly converted in the 64th minute, but it was just too late and too little for the gutsy Blues from Melbourne.



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Marconi's Mark Jankovics tears away from Brisbane City opponent Frank Pimblett in their 1-1 draw. Photo by CARLOS PICASSO.

Charlton

Jackie Charlton, 48, could leave Sheffield Wednesday following its failure to get promotion. The former Leeds and England defender has been boss of the Sheffield club since 1977 and his name has been linked with Manchester City whose former manager John Bond is being tipped to take over Chelsea.

Venables

Terry Venables, the former Chelsea and England player who has steered Queen Park Rangers to the Second Division title and promotion to the First Division, is no slouch outside of soccer. Venables, 40, controls four pubs with his family and partners and is joint author of two novels, one of which inspired the popular Hazel T.V. series.

The judge

Gerry Armstrong the hero of Northern Ireland's World Cup campaign is set to leave Watford after talks with manager Graham Taylor. Armstrong, unable to command a regular first team berth, has been on the bench so often this season that his colleagues call him "the judge".

Radio fee

Football League wants to axe Saturday afternoon radio commentaries on soccer unless the fee is lifted from \$17,000 to \$120,000.

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1947 the start, 1977 the glory

George Cross was formed in 1947 by a group of prominent Maltese businessmen including C.W. Sandham, the late Danny Gatt, and Charles Gatt.

Sandham was the club's first president. He has been succeeded, in turn, by D. Gatt, L. Debono, J. Micallef, A. Attard, Paul Borg and Alf Zahra.

Over the years the team has been based at many grounds, including Royal Park, Campbell Reserve in Moreland, Olympic Village in Heidelberg, Melbourne Showgrounds, Selwyn Park in Sunshine, St. Kilda Cricket Ground, Schintler Reserve in Footscray, Olympic Park in Richmond and of course, Chaplin Reserve in Sunshine.

Lou Debono took over as president in the early 1950's. He made the all important switch from an all Maltese team by introducing two Englishmen and a Scot to the side. The greats of the early years include "Tom" Trinder, Stan Stacey, Jack Swan, John Calleja, Charlie Camilleri, Joe Guacel, Charles Gatt, Tony and Lolla Vella, Vince Muscat, Paul Zammit, Hugh McVean, Pat McKenna, Bill Copeland.

George Cross built up a history of finishing second in its league campaigns. Winning the old Third and Second Divisions didn't carry the prestige of clinching the State League title and being hailed as one of the outstanding teams in Victoria. The now defunct Australia Cup however was a prestigious tournament and George Cross won this trophy in 1964, beating North Perth and J.U.S.T. along the way, before beating APIA in an incident packed final in Melbourne, which went to extra time before the great Archie Campbell scored to give Cross a 3-2 victory. The crowd for the final, 15,000, was an Australia Cup record. The George Cross team, coached by Manny Poulakakis, was Hobson, Sacco, McDavid, Brown, Adams, McPherson, Campbell, Gold-

ie, Hodgson, Petersen, Copeland.

George Cross started the 1971 season crippled by a strike over wages by star players Kevin Walker, John Gardiner, Jim Smart, John Pryde and Lou Kastner. All were put on the transfer list but after peace talks only Pryde and Smart were transferred. Gardiner won the inaugural Rothmans Medal that year, an amazing feat considering that he missed many matches while in dispute with the club. He repeated his triumph the following year.

Another George Cross great, Fred Falzon, won the old Argus Medal in 1961 and 1962. Falzon, who played 10 games for Malta, left his Maltese club Hamrun Rangers to join George Cross in 1961. He played with George Cross for six seasons then transferred to Pan Hellenic for \$4,000, returned to Malta, then joined Melita Eagles when he came back to Sydney.

Ken Wagstaffe, prolific goalscorer in England and a star with Hull City, took over as player-coach in 1976 when Cross was floundering near the foot of the State League ladder. The following year, 1977, under another English import, player-coach Billy Wilkison, Cross finally realised one of its main ambitions, winning the Victorian State League championship.

Dockery Cup success followed in 1978 but since then the Maltese giant hasn't won a major honor. However, after the teething problems of its amalgamation with Sunshine City are sorted out there's little doubt that the Victorian Maltese soccer supporters will once again taste success.



The George Cross team which won the 1977 State League title. Back row: Derek Barron, Paul Murphy, Kevin Kelly, Lou Kastner, John Webb, Ken Reed. Front row: Phillip Cutajar, Robert Cullen, Billy Wilkison, Alex McConville, Peter Ebini.

SUNSHINE



Sunshine-George Cross. Back row: Tommy Traynor (coach), Nick Lowe, Carl Gilder, Jim O'Reilly, Steve Richardson, A. Gerry Bennett, Steve Scerri. Front row: John Campbell, John Stevenson, Harry McKinlay, Chris Taylor, Roger Bain, by LES SHORROCK.

Zahra — blame the refs, not us!

Club president Alf Zahra hit out strongly against recent criticism of his supporters' behavior and suggestions that referees are considering refusing to officiate at Sunshine-George Cross matches.

"Rubbish! That's what I've been reading about us in the

press recently. One guy in a daily last week wrote that we could end up like Croatia — expelled because of crowd trouble. What rot! This writer has never seen us this year. Let him come to Chaplin Reserve and see how we control crowds at our home games," said Zahra.

"Why does everyone point the finger at supporters? It happens every time there's the slightest disturbance. Supporters always get blamed.

"We've brought a top class coach out from overseas and we've spent about \$17,000 in transfer fees to improve the quality of our playing staff. How do you think everyone at the club feels when they watch one particular guy, a referee, putting all our good work to waste? It's time referees got canned when they're bad. They're only human. They're not infallible, yet for some strange reason the federation seems to regard most of their referees as being above blame.

"We lost 3-1 to Polonia at home and there was no trouble there whatsoever. In fact our supporters clapped both teams off the park at half time. That's because a referee called Chris Brambridge was in charge. We were beaten but so what? The main thing was that Brambridge was not just fair, he was also consistent. That's what I want, in fact I think, in terms of the money invested by clubs in the sport here, we should demand fairness and consistency from all referees and linesmen.

"It's time that we told the truth about our referees. With all due respects to the good referees, there are a few dreadful referees around.

Everyone knows that, it's just that they fear repercussions if they come out and say it in print or on the TV.

"Our striker Mick McGorian is being crucified every week by referees, in my opinion. It's as if they've (the refs) got it in for him. He's a marked man.

"This rubbish written about a near riot at our game against Ajax at Green Gully really annoys me. I've got the whole game on video tape and I challenge anyone to look at it then claim that there almost was a riot."

Zahra claims that at home games, discipline is stringent enforced by club officials, a policy which he actively endorses.

"I march side by side with the referee and the linesmen into the dressing room at half time and at the end of the game. If anyone makes any trouble we kick them out of the ground immediately."

For some time now some Maltese supporters of George Cross have been accused of spitting at referees, the occasional linesman and some opposition players. Zahra admits that "back in the old days, things got a big hectic" but he's adamant that things have changed for the better.

"Sure, our supporters want to see the team win. That's natural. But their annoyance with a few refereeing displays this year is shared by the committee, the players and the coach. Frankly, you have to ask yourself if certain referees don't like our club or our supporters and take some match situations as their chance to discriminate against us.

"Look, we've kicked five guys out of our club in as many weeks this season. That's proof that we stand by our word. We don't want trouble.

"Anyway, back to this so called incident at Ajax. What about the Ajax player who dropped his pants in front of our supporters and made a two finger sign to them before the kick-off? Heard anything about that? No! And nothing will be done about this player who deliberately tried to incite our people. Now that's what I call bringing the game into disrepute.

"Honestly, I'm scared of discrediting our great club. That's why all of us on the committee are strict when it comes to crowd control. We

have a couple of supporters who get very upset from time to time. I appeal to them to continue to think of the club first. I know how frustrating it is to have your hands tied, because you can't do anything about a referee who is plainly not being fair. But we all must accept that.

"I've done everything I can short of going to referees before the game on my bended knees and pleading for fairness and consistency. That's all we want.

"What I say to all our supporters is to be patient. We're a great club with an even greater future. We'll get there, believe me, in spite of all the obstacles."

THE LEADERS

The nine-member board of management of Sunshine-George Cross is self elected for a two year term, so at this year's annual general meeting no office bearers will be elected.

The board members took this step late last year when their clubs, Sunshine City and George Cross, amalgamated. They believe that stability in administration is vital to allow the merger to flourish.

The president of Sunshine-George Cross is Alf Zahra, who had been George Cross president for the three years preceding the merger. Senior

vice-president is Scott Frew. Walter Meilak is vice president. Terry Walker is chairman, Fred Farrugia is deputy chairman, Frank Galea is secretary, Charlie Cutajar is assistant secretary, Adrian van Santvoort is treasurer and his assistant is Joe Buttigieg.



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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Chairman Terry Walker dreams of walking into Chaplin Reserve on a Friday night, sitting in comfort on the second level of a two-storey social club and watching Sunshine-George Cross taking on the best clubs in Australia.

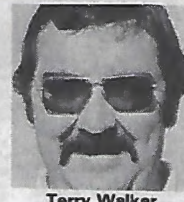
I'm exaggerating slightly. But Walker does dream about Friday night league matches at Chaplin Reserve and he says it certainly isn't a far-fetched idea.

"Just imagine what sort of crowd you'd get at the only top-class soccer match being held in the western suburbs that Friday night under first-class floodlighting with first-class spectator facilities," said Walker.

"My big ambition is to see this club in a national competition. It's constantly drummed into me as club chairman, that if we had a winning team and played in a national league then the fans would flock back in their thousands and I've got every reason to believe that they would. Green Gully has done exceptionally well in recent times but I think that it knows now that it can never have the support of the Maltese community. Our fans have stayed with us through thick and thin and when things pick up shortly, our crowds will get even better.

"I've listened to big mouths at Gully spouting off about

Friday night games, huge social club are Terry's dreams



Terry Walker

amalgamation but it's just not on. There's too much friction between the clubs and some of the supporters. Gully can forget about it. Anyway, this talk has come about because Gully only has a few regular supporters and now knows that it's never going to have a big support."

Walker, 35, is married with five-year-old twin daughters, Amanda and Rebecca. He came to Australia from England in 1970. He spent two years playing with Sydney-based Arncliffe Scots (since absorbed by the now defunct Riverwood), before joining Sunshine City in 1973, where he has served ever since as a player, coach and committeeman.

Walker has been directly involved in talks of mergers which have consistently been linked with Sunshine City over the past few years. He's well aware of current talk that Sunshine-George Cross will revert back to simply George Cross next year as the Maltese-sponsored club absorbs the remnants of Sunshine City's predominantly British support base.

"Sure, I'm still a bit wary about that happening. I'd be lying to you if I said otherwise. But what really interests me, is not the color of a man's skin but whether we can join together to further the interests of soccer in the local area. That's what it's all about," said Walker.

"When George Cross shared the ground with us, they really looked after the clubrooms and did the right thing. We got to know each other better and we got to like each other. That's the basis of what led to our amalgamation."

The amalgamation officially took place late last October.

Just after last Christmas, Tony Vella was appointed coach. He had coached George Cross last year. However, Vella left a week before the start of the State League season. Ian Petherick took over as caretaker coach until Scottish import, Tommy Traynor arrived. Not the most stable of stars for the fledgling club.

"As well as the coaching changes you've got to take into account the changes in the side from one week to the next. That didn't help matters early on," said Walker.

"We've got a two-year plan. We aim to formalise and stabilise the new club this year then go all out to win the league championship next season. We're out to do as well as we can this year but our supporters mustn't expect miracles from the players. Look at the turnover in playing staff we've had to contend with. Jimmy McRobert went to Moreland, Bobby Tool to Green Gully, John McNally and George Watters to Werribee, Billy Wilkinson to Bell Park, Rob Gramsbergen to Altona City, Rob and Dave Nelson to North Dandenong, Andy Esposito to Western Suburbs and probably Ray Mizzi to Thomastown. On top of that Dave Rigby has only just returned, as has "Rocky" Tachiris, who had that registration mix-up with Northcote, and young John Mudrinic has come back. Then we've bought John Stevenson, Mick McGorran, Gerry Bennet and now Jim O'Reilly. There's certainly been a lot of changes. They all play their part in helping to unsettle the side but we'll still be a formidable outfit by the end of the season."

Cumming, Kokoska Pocock, Rogers former greats

Sunshine City came into being in 1950, the year Sunshine gained city status. The original club dates back to 1946 and was called Western Suburbs.

In 1965, Sunshine City was relegated from First Division but won the Second Division title the very next year and staggered the Victorian soccer world by reaching the final of the 1967 Dockerty Cup, beating more glamorous opponents along the way, Melbourne succumbed 1-0 and Fitzroy Alexander were beaten 2-1 but the Shiners, valiant though they had been, were beaten 3-0 in the final by Slavia.

Sunshine won the Nordene Cup four years running, retaining the original trophy. The tournament was run by Altona City.

Sunshine won the Nordene Cup four years running, retaining the original trophy, but lost the first ever Federation Cup final to Coburg.

It took Sunshine three years, two as runner-up, to finally achieve its aim of reaching State League. It finished runner-up in First Division to Slavia in 1972, runner-up to Mooroolbark in 1973, then won the First Division championship in 1974. Sunshine's best ever finish in State League came in 1976 when it finished fourth. South Melbourne Hellas won the title that year but was beaten twice by the Shiners in the league.

Let's go back to 1973, a year of crisis for the Shiners. Sunshine reached the final of the Federation Cup that year, however, it had com-

mitted itself to going to Hobart and playing against a Tasmanian select on the weekend of the Federation Cup final. The Shiners fielded a second string side in the final and were thrashed 9-0 by Preston Macedonia. The VSE investigated the matter amid threats of expelling Sunshine from the federation however any fears that the club had dissipated after it only received a fine.

Bill McCullough stands tall among Sunshine City administrators. He joined the club in 1952 and has been a member ever since. He has served as secretary, treasurer, president and general committeeman.

Some of the coaches at the club have been Dave McIntosh, ex-masseur at Glasgow Rangers and former Hakoah player, Ian Petherick, bought as a player from Slavia for \$100 and coach during Sunshine's First Division championship success in 1974, Jimmy McIntyre, Bobby McLachlan, Bobby Pocock, Terry Walker, Ray Pocock and Steve Gaw.

Ray Pocock, Billy Rogers, Steve "Butch" Kokoska, Peter Lewis, Jimmy McRobert and Tommy Cumming are former Sunshine stars who have played representative soccer with either Australia or Victoria. Cumming has won two Rothmans Medals.



Sunshine City, 1972: back row: Kaz Piotrowski, Steve Kokoska, Ian Cassidy, Herbert Seenan, Billy Johnson, Dougie Gray, Billy McGowan, Taffy Padmore, Les Shorrocks. Middle row: Alex Aleksic, Jim McIntyre, Albert Seenan, Mick Banagan, Ziggy Olszewski. Front row: Frank Mussel, Jim McRobert, Wally Melak.

Cross honors

- Cross honors list:
 - Won Third Division
 - Won Third Division
 - Won Second Division
- Reserves
 - Won Junior (under-23)
- Cup
 - Won Second Division
 - Won Ampol Cup and
- Cup as Malta
 - Won Sun Cup, State
- Cup, Dockerty Cup
 - Won Ampol Cup
 - Won Dockerty Cup
 - Won Australia Cup
 - Won State League Cup
 - Won Ampol Cup
 - Won Armstrong Cup
 - Won State League and
- Cup
 - Won Dockerty Cup

Coach Traynor a star at Hearts, Dundee Utd

Traynor is the first, non-playing coach by either Sunshine or George Cross. As well as being of the first team, he is also in charge of the youth league.

Scotland with Edinburgh-based outfit Hearts. He was there for eight years before being bought by Dundee United for \$60,000. Seven years later he moved to Morton then to Falkirk and finally to Cowdenbeath.

At Cowdenbeath, Traynor was first team coach for two and a half years. It's plain then, that the Scot brings with him great experience and knowledge, attributes increasingly important to the fortunes of

Sunshine-George Cross as the 1983 season unfolds.

Traynor hasn't settled his playing staff. The recent acquisition of defender Jim O'Reilly, bought from Footscray J.U.S.T. last week for \$3,000, eases Traynor's initial reservations about his side's defensive organisation.

Traynor still wants to sign a midfielder and a forward. He's reportedly shown interest in talking to former Melbourne Croatia

strong man, Alan Kerr, currently up for grabs from North Perth Croatia. Sunshine-George Cross scouts spied on strikers playing with rival State League clubs last Saturday, and it wouldn't surprise to see a move made in this direction shortly.

Traynor sees his main task as one of maintaining the morale of his players.

"When I arrived here things were pretty bad. The lads were

down. I've managed to pick them up but it becomes increasingly hard as you watch a combination of bad refereeing decisions and bad luck dog you week in week out. That surely has to change for the better," said Traynor.

"I think we'll start to get a few wins under our belts over the next few weeks. Looking at the draw, I'm confident that we'll soon pick up points consistently."

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TROUT TO POLONIA

Polonia may sign midfielder Joe Tront from Ringwood Wilhelmnia in time for Sunday's Raleigh Reserve clash with Doveton.

The Polish sponsored club knows that the depth of its squad must be improved if it is to maintain its challenge for the championship. If Tront joins Polonia, his transfer fee could be close to \$3000. He is a former state team player. His club career here started in the 1970s with Mooroolbark, then Heidelberg Alexander, Croydon, Croatia and Wilhelmnia.

Rugged Polonia stopper Danny McCuskey will miss Sunday's clash due to suspension. His place could be taken by Andy Czapiak with Tront slotting in to Czapiak's customary midfield role.

While Polonia was thumping Hellas last weekend to the tune of 8-0, the Doves were

going down 3-0 to Albion so it's hard to envisage Ernie Merrick's lads getting a result at Raleigh Reserve.

Green Gully Ajax faces a danger game at home on Sunday against Cedo Cirkovic's unpredictable Fawken. Ajax coach Len McKendry will be hoping for a return from injury of striker Bobby Toal and midfielder David Smallman. Events of the past two weekends mean that Ajax's two front runners will be man marked by Fawken, with Jim Kondarios sweeping up. Cesare Fattore and Tony Schipano may be asked to mark Paul Lewis and Toal. I don't fancy the Fawken pair's chances.

Hellas could be staring another huge defeat squarely in the face. It travels to Olympic Park No. 1 on Sunday to meet John Gardiner's Croatia, with Josip Biskic, Ossie Latif, Dave Brogan and Tommy Cumming raring to rip the young Hellas side apart. Croatia has too many avenues to goal for me



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

to hold out much hope for Hellas. Ringwood Wilhelmnia and Croydon clash at Jubilee Park on Sunday in the big local derby of the round. In the past, Wilhelmnia's Dutch stars would have made it outright favorite to knock off all local opposition but times have changed dramatically for the once powerful club. Looking at the Croydon line-up, it's hard to see it even dropping a point here.

Joe Sweeney, Peter Loughnane, Steve McCombe, Mike Rainey and Lou Kastner are too skilful and experienced to go under in this clash. Croydon will win. Northcote will be looking to recover its winning ways

against Sunshine-George Cross but may have to settle for a point at John Cain Reserve on Sunday. The combine, with Jim O'Reilly and Steve Scerri at the back, will prove a tough nut to crack from here on in, as the Northcote strikers will find out.

Mick McGorian surely will be in the combine's starting line-up. He'll be used as the wide player with either Norrie

Pate or Roger Bain working off Carl Gilder, whose clash with tough Northcote stopper John Creany will be a highlight.

Despite Albion's euphoria after convincingly accounting for Doveton, the Rovers look doomed against Tony Boggi's Morwell Falcons at North Cringean Reserve this Saturday.

Doubtless Alan Bennett will be a huge bonus for Albion's midfield but Morwell striker Bobby McGuinness looms as a major threat to the Rovers here.

Box Hill will have Pedro Ramos, Kyle Patterson, John Gabrielson, Alan Roodhouse and Dave Azzopardi available for selection this Sunday

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AMETCO PLAYER AWARDS

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Juventus v Northcote: 3 Lloyd (J); 2 Hird (J); 1 French (J).
Croydon v Ajax: 3 Rainey (C); 2 Hogben (A); 1 Paul Lewis (A).

Morwell v Box Hill: 3 MacLean (M); 2 McGuinness (M); 1 Verechka (BH).
S.M. Hellas v Polonia: 3 Mila (P); 2 A. Czapiak (P); 1 Lipiarski (P).

Fawken v Croatia: 3 Latif (C); 2 Biskic (C); 1 Antonovic (C).
S.G. Cross v Wilhelmnia: 3 Scerri (SGC); 2 Brooks (W); 1 O'Reilly (SGC).

Albion v Doveton: 3 Dickson (A); 2 Reilly (A); 1 Webster (D).

Progressive votes:
13 - Moore (Northcote)
12 - Tuffield (Fawken), Kalifatis (S.M. Hellas)
11 - Mila (Polonia)
10 - MacLean (Morwell)
9 - MacLeod (Albion)
Leading scorers:
9 - Latif (Croatia)
8 - Przybyla (Polonia)
7 - Cumming (Croatia)
6 - Smallman (Ajax), McGuinness (Morwell), Marshall (Polonia)

CURCIO HURT, LATIF LETHAL

FAWKNER 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Parton 20th, Latif 32nd, 69th, Curcio 61st) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 - Sabadini 5, Ondricko 6, Fattore 6, Schipano 5 - C. Sabadini 3 (Mennetti 65th), Anselmo 5, Baskic 4 (Croatia 65th) - Bullock 2, Tuffield 1, Curcio 3. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 8 (Hir, 65th), 20th, Parton 8, Adams 8, Hannah 7 - Biskic 8, Antonovic 7, Faulkner 7 - Latif 9, Brogan 7, Cumming 7. Coach: John Gardiner.

Melbourne Croatia right back Tony Curcio was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg after an awkward fall in the second half.

Curcio had scored nine minutes earlier, in the 81st minute, to give Croatia an unsurmountable lead against a disappointing home side which rarely troubled the Croatia defence, well marshalled by Keith Adams.

Fawken used former Footscray J.U.S.T. stopper Jim Kondarios, as sweeper. Serge Sabbadini picked up Dave Brogan, Cesare Fattore tagged Tommy Cumming while Tony Schipano marked Ossie Latif. The Schipano v Latif clash was important tactically to Croatia. Latif took Schipano inside frequently, creating a sense of space for the right for Curcio and Josip Biskic to exploit.

After twice going close Croatia opened its account in the 20th minute. Cumming

took what now is a well rehearsed corner kick, sending the ball to the near post. Brogan headed on and strong stopper Sean Parton bustled the ball across the line.

Ten minutes later Latif, looking very sharp, scored a superb goal to make it 2-0. Brogan was involved in a good build up which found the ball knocked inside to Latif in the 68th minute and hammered a hard, low shot which beat Terzini at the near post.

Latif completed the scoreline in the 69th minute after wriggling clear of Schipano on the left by-line, cutting inside but away from goal to give himself a shooting angle, then unleashing a firm drive which made it 4-0.

Latif was very impressive here. Under John Gardiner's coaching he has improved greatly since last season, his first in State League. He now heads the league goalscorers' list and already must be favorite to win this honor this season.

First for Sweeney

CROYDON 1 (Sweeney 72nd) GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Paul Lewis 40th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 - Rainey 8, McCombe 7, Brown 6, Hobson 7 - Rooney 7, Nolan 6 (Inj. I. Loughnane H.T.), 71, Wade 7 - P. Loughnane 7, Sweeney 7, Irvine 6. Coach: Bill McArthur.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denny 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 7, Short 7, Hogben 8 - Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Mancinelli 6, Williams 8 - Paul Lewis 8, Greench 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

Joe Sweeney's first goal for his first Australian club gave Croydon its third successive draw against top flight State League opponents.

Croydon now has drawn with Polonia (2-2), Croatia (0-0) and Ajax (1-1). Croydon's championship dream has been shattered, even though there's no doubt that Bill McArthur's side is good enough to claim a top four berth. However, with Juventus, Croatia, Polonia and Ajax looming as the main top

four contenders, Croydon must string a few wins together to put pressure on the outsiders, and hope that the current top four drop points.

Sweeney almost opened Croydon's account against Ajax in the first half when his volley struck the bar and Terry Nolan had a shot cleared off the line by Ajax midfielder Jim Williams.

Ajax's Paul Lewis had a great chance to put his side in front in the 15th minute when he intercepted a poor pass from Croydon captain Steve McCombe but Lewis shot wide with only Lou Kastner confronting him.

The leading State League scorer of 1982 made amends five minutes before the half time interval.

Peter Boyle won the ball in the tackle in midfield and passed to Lewis who beat Mark Brown and shot past Kastner and in off the far post from 15 metres out on the right hand side of the area.

Sweeney's reply in the 72nd minute, was a header from a Paul Wade far post cross

O'Reilly makes his debut

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Pate penalty 60th) RINGWOOD WILHELMNIA 0 at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 7 - McKinlay 7, O'Reilly 7, Scerri 8, Taylor 7 - Steven 7, Richardson 6 (McGorian H.T. 6), Bennett 5 - Pate 5, Gilder 7, Bain 5. Coach: Tommy Taylor.

RINGWOOD WILHELMNIA: Hansson 7 - Pasman 5, de Cort 7, Brogan 7, Verriera 6 - Taffarall 5, Tront 5 (Whyte 80th), Burton 5, Thom 5 (Gibson 82nd), Cork 7, Stewart 5. Coach: Nick van Egmond.

Sunshine-George Cross recorded its second league win of the season with former Slavia, Heidelberg, and Footscray J.U.S.T. defender Jim O'Reilly making his debut for the combine after transferring late last week from J.U.S.T. for \$3,000.

Sunshine-George Cross had to rely on a second half penalty to give it the points. Norrie

Pate took the corner kick which led to the penalty being awarded. Wilhelmnia's Brian Thom pushed Carl Gilder and Pate converted from the resultant penalty.

Few chances were created, especially in the second half, as the central defensive pairings of both sides did well. Perhaps Wilhelmnia's best chance came after just 17 minutes. Ken Stewart's header was met firmly by the corner of David Cork but combine custodian, "Rocky" Tachris, pulled off a superb reflex save, grasping the ball safely in both hands.

The combine didn't play as well as in previous weeks. It had a fair amount of possession but lacked penetration. Star winger Mick McGorian was disciplined for arriving late for the match and started off on the substitutes' bench. McGorian however, came on at half time, in place of Steve Richardson.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JUVENTUS	8	1	1	19	4	17
CROATIA	7	2	1	26	4	16
POLONIA	6	3	1	22	9	15
ajax	5	4	1	15	5	14
Northcote	5	2	3	13	15	12
Croydon	4	3	3	14	12	11
Fawken	4	3	3	13	14	11
Morwell F.	5	1	4	16	18	11
Box Hill	4	2	4	15	14	10
Doveton	3	2	5	14	19	8
S. Geo Cross	2	1	7	11	21	5
Albion R.	1	3	6	5	15	5
Wilhelmnia	1	1	8	5	19	3
Hellas	0	2	8	11	30	2

HAT-TRICK TO FRENCH

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 4 (French 29th, 61st, 64th, Loyd 38th) NORTHCOTE CITY 0 at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 - V. Bennett 7, P. Bennett 7, Ormickov 7, Hird 8 - Swincoe 7 (Gavranic 86th), Rogers 7, G. Bennett 7 - French 8, Loyd 6, Nelson 6. Coach: John Marquardt.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 (Inj. 64, Videcia) - Wilson 5, Bookish 7, Creany 6, Gorman 6 - Wright 6, Moore 6, Quigley 6, Culina 7 - Sahinidis 5, Tsetos 5 (Constantinou 64th). Coach: Tony Vrzina.

On Sunday Margaritis Juventus proved beyond any doubt what a well drilled, well oiled outfit it is. Without Andrew Zuni and Fabio Incantupo, the two formidable striking teenagers, and with Kevin Swincoe and Billy Rogers carrying injuries, it accounted very easily for Northcote.

Juventus was again impassable in defence, where Gary Clayton only had two difficult shots to test him (one a scorcher from 31 metres by Jeff Gorman, the other a tricky back flick under pressure by Vince Bannon). His midfield was always in charge with the implacable ball-winning efforts by Swincoe and Ged Bannon, and a forward propelled by Rogers and Kevin Lloyd.

Striker Graham French finally had a field day netting a hat-trick with great ease. Nippy Jim Nelson, well supported by overlapping full back Harry Hird, did well on the left flank and missed a few sitters only because he is terribly short of match-sharpness (this being his second game for the season). Lloyd stamped himself as one of the best attacking midfielders in the league with his incredible work rate and a brilliant goal.

Northcote relied heavily on sweeper George Bozakis and young keeper John Giannopoulos, until he injured an arm, to contain the deficit. His mid-

field was superbly finished. Three minutes later Swincoe went for his usual solo run and finished with a great rising shot from inside the box. Giannopoulos flew to his right and parried but French was on hand to slot in. The brave young keeper fell heavily on his arm, severely injuring ligaments.

Juventus should have made it at least five when Hird left then raced unmarked into a good shooting position in the box but, unselfishly, tapped back for Nelson who shot wide.

Juventus is now sitting pretty on top of the ladder and there is only one factor that could bring it undone: the severe shortage of players due to the departure of Tony Herry and Tiziano Cavallari and the protracted absence of young Soccerro Incantupo. With Zimi still injured and a few other players in precarious physical condition, the committee is feverishly looking for reinforcements locally and overseas.

- ROCKY DI ZIO

Juventus youth on the march

Juventus (Vic.) has started what probably is a first in Australian soccer: a youth club that is in fact an apprenticeship for future senior officials.

The club and its unique structure is the brainchild of secretary Rocky Di Zio, who established it earlier this year before severing his association with Juventus.

"For years I had been realising that our base of support was getting thinner and thinner for a number of reasons, including one of natural erosion," says Di Zio.

"The many thousands of supporters the club had in the 50's and 60's had slowly aged, had growing families, probably built a house in the outer suburbs and were slowly giving up following the club because of new responsibilities and lifestyles.

"We simply had to attract the younger generation to maintain, and eventually develop a new type of following.

"So I devised a new set-up for the youth club: it would take over total responsibility for the running of the reserve and U18 teams. It had to run the two teams like a "mini-club", meaning they had to find the funds, to recruit players, to meet all administrative and financial obligations related to the two teams. And it

would work with little supervision from the senior committee and no interference at all. The youth officials would be allowed to make their own mistakes, so they could learn from them."

After obtaining approval for his plan from the senior committee, Di Zio approached Joe Mirabella, a young executive and son of former club president Paul Mirabella, who attended by senior officials. After long discussions over some weeks, Joe Mirabella agreed to become the first president of this new-style youth club.

His committee called itself "Club Juventusini" and set out to work with untold enthusiasm and professionalism. Firstly it worked out a budget that included coaches' salary, strips, balls and other equipment and decided to give all reserve players a nominal signing-on fee of \$40 each, as well as match payments of \$10 for a loss, \$15 for a draw and \$20 for a win, with some financial considerations for the U18s also. They came up with a total budget of \$15,000 for the season.

Before the first game of the season had even kicked off, Juventus had "a treasury" of over \$8,000 from sponsorship and social functions.

In the morning of the first official game of the season they organised a posh breakfast for players and friends at the Europa Bar, where they were attended by senior officials and a number of prominent people.

And work has not stopped ever since. The "Juventusini" attend in good number all training sessions and games of the two

teams; have paid all signing-on fees, match fees and coaches' salaries promptly; have made dozens of black and white flags for the cheer-squad to use in senior games and have put on sale wind-cheaters, scarves, hats and other items as well as running raffles at senior games.

The money is rolling in from everywhere, enthusiasm is ever on the increase, responsibilities are getting bigger and bigger every week, and the satisfaction of achieving something visible is written all over their faces. And they are constantly growing in numbers.

The "Club Juventusini" committee is Joe Mirabella (president), Dominic Balliro and Paul Ganci (vice presidents), Paul Buscemi (treasurer), Vita Fede (Secretary), Nancy Arena (assistant secretary), Patricia Trani (social director), Michael Tenace (cheer squad organiser), Paul Calabro, Santo Di Liberto. Sam Lo Terzo is team manager.

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All young people, not only those of Italian background, are most welcome by the "Club Juventusini". It is open to all Mirabella (380 9614 day) or Patricia Trani (386 7050 evening) for further details, or write to Joe Mirabella, 145 Lygon St., E. Brunswick, 3056.



"Club Juventusini" members man the souvenir stand at Olympic Park. Modelling some of the new merchandise. From left, Pina Profeta, Vita Fede, president Joe Mirabella, Vince Buscemi, Patricia Trani. (Photo LES SHORROCK).

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The real Peter Dickson at last

ALBION ROVERS 3 (Dickson 9th, 76th, 84th) DOVETON 0 at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 7, Galan 6, Hennessy 7, Coyne 6, Kelly 6, Stuart 6, Smart 7, Gray 6, Forrie 6, D'Sylva 6, Dickson 9. Coach Hugh Murray.

DOVETON: Keogh 6, Thurlow 6, Miller 4, Murray 3 (Bartlett 70th), Corke 4, Watson 5, Buchanan 4 (Waterhouse 50th) Dowling 6, Stinton 4, Webster 7, Lennon 4. (Coach: Ernie Merrick).

What a one-sided affair this game turned out to be, with pre-match underdog Albion turning on such a sparkling performance that long before the end the home crowd was chanting "Easy, easy..." maybe "Happy Days are Here Again" would have been more appropriate, because on this form Albion definitely will not be relegated.

Before the game, things had looked a little gloomy for Rovers, with Frank McCleod, who has been playing well in the heart of the defence suspended, but in the event, Kieron Coyle did a Gary Stevens job at the back and never gave big Ian Stinton a smell of the ball, let alone a kick.

Everyone played well for Albion though. Tommy Costello was superb in goal.

Hennessy and Coyle were impassable, Gerry Reilly dominated the midfield, Ken Smart sparkled up front, but the day belonged to Peter Dickson.

It was the best of the former Scottish representative has played since he arrived here, and every time he got the ball there was panic in the Doveton back four.

He slammed in a superb shot from the edge of the penalty area to give Rovers the lead after only nine minutes, and after scoring again in the 76th minute from an acute angle, he completed Doveton's misery six minutes from the end.

The third goal typified Doveton's effort on the day. Dickson went for a 50-50 ball with full-back Andy Miller, but he so harassed Miller, snapping at his heels like a terrier, that in the end Miller blundered into the advancing Sean Keogh the ball ran loose and Dickson pounced gleefully to bang the ball into the empty net.

Dickson gets a bonus of \$75 a goal from sponsor, Werthebe Mazda, and although he'll pick up \$225 for his Saturday effort, it could have been nearer \$500, so many chances did he create. If he keeps this up, Werthebe Mazda might be well



Doveton's new Scottish import, midfielder Graham Watson.

advised to give him a new car and call the deal off.

Things are indeed looking rosy at Selwyn Park. Visiting teams will be thrilled to hear that by the end of June those notorious dressing rooms will be a thing of the past, work is well on the way with the new rooms, costing over \$80,000.

But for Doveton, its back to the drawing-board. The back four was woeful, and although Graham Watson showed some deft touches, the midfield was nearly as bad. Watson will have learnt from the game that you don't play one-two on pitches like Selwyn Park, and he'll improve, but I fear for Doveton in the near future, with formidable opponents like Polonia Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully Ajax to face in the next three games.

— LES SHORROCK

Knox City, Altona City and Frankston Pines already have emerged as the outstanding candidate for the 1983 First Division championship.

Should Knox and Pines win promotion to State League it would be a first for both clubs. Altona City already has tasted State League life. Two years ago Altona faced a crippling debt, in terms of its turnover, but astute management has enabled the Kim Reserve side to get its financial affairs on a more even keel and it would be a major triumph for the club to clinch the title this season.

Former Coventry City and Australian squad member Bobby Dobbing, has been transferred to Melbourne from Pines for \$200. Dobbing now is player-coach of Melbourne's young reserve side.

Fourth Division pacesetter Moorabbin is on the look-out for a quality midfielder. Players interested should contact club secretary Mick O'Neill at home on 578 2474.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

KNOX CITY 2 (Lesbirel 3rd, Wild 55th) ALTONA CITY 0

KNOX: McKrur, Dixon, Schroeder, Blasinger, Fitzpatrick, Wild, Smith, Lesbirel, Garvish, House, Cronpton.

ALTONA CITY: Vandepool, Leonard, Wilson, Hamill, Oranabergan, Goutta, Mercer, Prior, Beattie, Little, Jones.

BEST PLAYERS: Knox — Wild, Lesbirel, Fitzpatrick. Altona — Mercer, Prior, Little.

Knox took the lead in their first attack and never looked in danger from then on. Lesbirel collected the ball in midfield and headed for goal, stepping over two tackles he steadied and found the net with a superb drive.

The record goal was a gem. Wild, 30 yards out, saw Vandepool at the edge of his box and with a delightful chip left the keeper stranded. Wild nearly added a third after 85 minutes when his shot rebounded off the post.

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 FRANKSTON PINES 3 (Murray 13th, O'Halloran penalty 55th, Wall 83rd)

Pines scored first when in the 13th minute Davidson sent a good through ball to O'Halloran who flicked the ball on for Sammy Murray to score in the top right hand corner of the net.

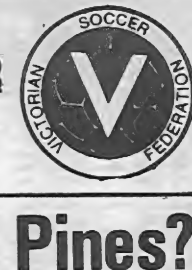
In the 40th minute after a scrimmage in the Pines penalty area Davidson pulled down a player in the left hand corner and Western Suburbs converted from the penalty spot.

Play was very tight with neither side getting on top and Western Suburbs scored from a breakaway. The Pines defence were caught standing still appealing for offside, which was not given, and the centre forward went through to make it 2-1.

Pines equalised in the 58th minute when Wall was brought down in the area and O'Halloran scored from the penalty spot.

In the 83rd minute young Ian McGinnagle, who had come in place of Millar, took a long throw which fell at the feet of Wall who scored just inside the right-hand post.

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Knox, Altona City and Pines?

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Melbourne v Knox City RICHMOND v Frankston PINES v West Suburbs FRANKSTON PINES v Altona City NEW CITY v Doncaster Rovers (Away)

Sunday: WESTERN SUBURBS v Melbourne DIVISION TWO

Sunday: Kilor Aust v FOOTSCRAY JUST v Praeger v Arden (Away) PRESTON MARLBOROUGH v Doveton City SPRINGVALE CITY v Haidberg Alexander NUNINGWORTH v Thomastown (Away) ST ALBANS (Home)

Sunday: HEIDELBERG BUNDOORA v Yallwarrack PHARMACY CITY v Eltham MORNINGTON v Brighton Port Melbourne v SOUTH OAKLEIGH SANDRINGHAM v Calang Sunday: SOUTH MELB MOURMELONG

Sunday: Royal Richmond v CAULFIELD CITY DIVISION FOUR

Sunday: Kaysborough v HAWTHORN HAMILTON RANGERS v Karike CORIO v Greenwood MONAGHAN CITY v Epsom Traralgon Farnham Gully v NORTH GEELONG Moorabbin v Geelong (Away) ROSANINA v Rosalind

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Melton v CLIFTON HILL LAUR UNITED v Clayton EAST BRUNSWICK v Chelsea MONAGHAN CITY v Carlton Shepparton CITY v BULLEN LANGWARRIN v BALLARAT (Away) MOUNTAIN VIEW v YARRAVILLE

Sunday: CHAMBERSBURG v Epsom KYNTOON v Harewood WEST BRUNSWICK v Brunswick City MORRISDALE CLARINA v Ashburton Tasse MALVERN CITY v Holland

Yarraville, under astute coach Manos Miliotis, heads the ladder, but faces a tough test against Hawksburn, the team of Steve Blezany and Joe Szabo — this week.

DIVISION TWO

SOUTH DANDENONG 0 REGENT 1 (Glavdis 40th)

SOUTH DANDENONG: C. Brevo, A. Althara, E. Ramos, J. Valdes, F. Jimenez, E. Amoroso, J. Prasta, M. Cornejo, M. Romero, R. Contreras, E. Anselmi (sub R. Romero 82nd).

REGENT: F. Tavora, T. Ogrenovski, J. Belizis, F. Cincque, M. Sciola, J. Pappas (sub J. Diavelo 83rd), S. Verdis, L. Sciola, S. Glavdis, A. Perotis, G. Hippoulas.

Best Players: SOUTH DANDENONG: F. Jimenez, C. Brevo, M. Cornejo. REGENT: S. Glavdis, S. Verdis, F. Cincque.

The only goal game in the 40th minute from a free kick on the edge of the area to the left L. Sciola tapped the ball to Glavdis who hammered a low shot past the wall just inside Bravo's right hand post. In the 80th minute Glavdis was brought down in the box but Bravo had no difficulty in saving the tame spot kick.

DIVISION THREE

SPRINGVALE UNITED 1 (Stojilovic 8th) MITCHAM 0

SPRINGVALE UNITED: M. Mendic, J. Sliver, P. Dacic, Z. Jaglica, D. Tellico, N. Bilecic, P. Gokic, M. Bilecic, M. Culibick, M. Stojilovic, Z. Dacic, (G. Velovic 83th).

MITCHAM: R. Lawton, T. Moore, D. Sinday, A. Middlemas, T. O'Hara, J. Tolkai, A. Mantoni, N. Pandey, A. Colahand, S. Sloane, D. Lee (G. Baker 75th).

A close, hard fought game marred by flying tackles proved Springvale United victorious yet again. The only goal of the match fell in the 8th minute after a through ball from M. Culibick was converted by the ever-reliable M. "Fifi" Stojilovic.

In the second half Mitcham's attack exerted pressure on the home team's goal and was consequently awarded a penalty. Their opportunity to equalize was foiled in the 67th minute by a spectacular

Park, Regent v CENTRAL CITY SOUTH DANDENONG v South Yarr.

DIVISION THREE

Sunday: CHELSEA v Moe Utd ALTONA Utd v Chelinda Kaysong Rumpert DALLAS CITY v Shepparton PASCOE VALE v Utd of Melbourne WEST MELBOURNE v BRUNSWICK CITY MICKHAM v WEST GEELONG SPRINGVALE UNITED v Hampton Wonders

Sunday: MURRUMBEENA v Macleod Utd. Moe Utd v GELBORG UNITED. Moorfield Rangers v East Carlton (Away). North Stables v SINGLEY. Port Melbourne v DIAMOND VALLEY. Port United v Broomfield (Away). Seaford Utd v Lyndale Utd (Away).

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Postal Institute v Chelinda (Away). Endeavour Hills v MACCART HADDAR. Epping Thistle v Broomfield (Away). MELBOURNE Utd v Broomfield (Away). Utd of ASCOT UNITED. Vermont v BALACALVA. WEST VILLAGE v Melbourne.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: LATHOBE Utd v Melgrave. Southam v Maccart. Maccart v Pulla Utd. Utd of SOUTH PARKMORRIS. Rumpert v Kaysong 5th Springvale. ST BERNARDS v Caneville. WADSWORTH UNITED v Epsom. ASCOT VALE CITY v West Utd.

YOUTH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"

Saturday: SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS v Essendon Terriers

Sunday: MELBOURNE CRONATA v Wyndeville v City. Farnham v RICHMOND. Crony v BRUNSWICK.

DIVISION "B"

Sunday: SPRINGVALE UNITED v Springvale City. SOUTH DANDENONG v Altona Utd.

lar save from United's keeper M. Mandic.

DIVISION FOUR

DIAMOND VALLEY 3 (Curtis 7th, McQuillan 52nd, Peake 81st) NORTH SUNSHINE 0

DIAMOND VALLEY: Thacker 8, B. Bosa 6, C. Bosa 6, Peake 8, Lowe 8, Verdelis 8, McQuillan 8, Boyd 8, Curtis 8, Vandorick 8, Reid 8.

Best Players: Vandorick, Yearaley, B. Bosa.

In this top-of-the-table clash, Diamond Valley started shakily but took the lead after seven minutes when Curtis was put through on the right and scored easily. The game was tight but Valley kept the upper hand.

From a throw-in on the left the ball came to Terry McQuillan on the edge of the box and he hammered in a great shot to give Valley a 2-0 lead.

After 66 minutes North Sunshine missed a penalty harshly awarded against Craig Bass but with nine minutes left, Bruce Peake beautifully headed home McQuillan's corner at the far post.

LYNDALE UTD 3 (McMeehan 21st, 62nd, Romp 49th) MACLEOD UTD 1

LYNDALE: Napolitano 7, Martin 7, Humphreys 7 (Miller 7) Kristas 7, Beal 7, McFarlane 8, King 7, Ryan 7, McMeehan 8, Romp 8 (Disposia H.T. 7), Paulson 7.

Former Australian international Hammy McMeehan put Lyndale ahead in the 21st minute with a superb solo goal. The man known in Japan as the scarier pimperl, beat five opponents before slotting the ball home.

Macleod hit back two minutes later when its striker pounced on a bad back pass from S. Beal.

K. Romp restored Lyndale's lead four minutes into the second half and McMeehan made it 3-1 in the 62nd minute with a goal direct from a corner.

It's a massacre at Middle Park

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 POLONIA 8 (Marshall 1st, Przybyla penalty 24th, 36th, 64th, Krynski 10th, 55th, Petrov 80th, P. Czapiak 80th) at Middle Park, Saturday.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Perrea 5 — Abram 7, Kakaniotis 6, Kalitidis 5, Vardas 6 — Bosniowski 6, Aweid 6 (Kasadas 60th), Bitons 7 — Bekiaris 6, Cummings 6 (Heap 60th), Kalamitidis 6. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 8 — Lipiarski 8, Muchak 9, Mita 10, Smolarek 8 — Krynski 9, P. Czapiak 9, Perrea 9, Petrov 9 — Przybyla 9, Marshall 9 (Iry, G. Czapiak 65th). Coach: Mike Lynn.

Ahmet Awad made his debut for South Melbourne Hellas here and you couldn't blame him if he jumps on the first jumbo out of Tullamarine and heads back to Egypt.

This match will go down in State League history as the massacre at Middle Park. In goal scoring terms it doesn't even get close to the epic 7-1 draw between Hellas and Ringwood Wilhelmina in the early 1970s. In terms of a defeat, it's three goals short of Juventus' 11-0 drubbing of George Cross in 1970, after George goalie Lou Kastner had to be replaced by an outfield player. However, in terms of Polonia's title tilt, the Polish sponsored club couldn't have asked for better. What added impetus has been given to Polonia's chances now!

For posterity, for gloating Poles, and for Greek masochists, let's document the deluge. 1-0: 25 seconds gone and Polonia is ahead. Steve Kakaniotis, under instructions to mark Alex Marshall and leave Kris Kalitidis to play sweeper, gives the huge Polonia striker a few metres and Marshall is off, charging

through onto Rick Lipiarski's long pass, outstripping Kakaniotis and Kalitidis and giving Mark Perree no chance.

2-0: Tad Krynski shows off his skills by curling the ball, left footed, from 30 metres out on the right, sending it into goal off the far upright.

3-0: Janusz Przybyla is brought down and scores from the penalty spot. Just 24 minutes have elapsed.

4-0: Przybyla again. Marshall's one-two with George Petrov works well. The big man then plays the ball into Przybyla's path. The former Motor Lublin players knocks the ball forward then smashes it past Perree from nine metres.

5-0: Peter Czapiak makes a fine run from midfield, passes to Przybyla who lays the ball back and Krynski hammers home a low shot from the edge of the area in the 55th minute.

6-0: Przybyla's hat-trick. Marshall makes a break in the past three opponents, as he moves inside. He pushes the ball a bit far forward and Przybyla thumps it into goal, virtually dismissing Marshall.

7-0: Stefan Mita, on the left, hits a pin point long ball to the incoming right back Lipiarski. His header into the area takes a bounce then is headed in by young midfielder Petrov in the 61st minute.

8-0: The rout is completed by Peter Czapiak. Greg Czapiak, the replacement for injured Marshall, is used by brother Peter for a one-two. Peter Czapiak runs onto the return and his first time shot from 10 metres completes an amazing scorline. As he moves in, incidentally, Hellas was awarded a penalty with five minutes to go. Chris Bekiaris' attempt was saved by Leszek Dzielakowski. It was that kind of day for Polonia.

BROWNIE BLUNDERS!

MORWELL FALCONS 4 (MacLean 14th, Evans 25th, McGuinness 48th, penalty 78th) BOX HILL 3 (Verachia 38th, Miranda penalty 62nd, McDonald 65th) at North Crisneg Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whitehead 6 — Blingham 7, Irvine 6, Hughes 7, Train 7 — T. van Baar 6, L. van Baar 70th, Young 6, MacLean 9, O'Callaghan 7 — Evans 7, McGuinness 9. Coach: Tony Bogg.

BOX HILL: Macleay 7 — Roodhouse 7, Brownlie 4, Lawler 4, struck both Box Hill goalies John McKinlay and the crossbar before going in to make it 1-0.

Eleven minutes later Falcons went 2-0 up. Gary McPhee lost the ball under pressure and a quick cross from the right found Evans unmarked on the far side of the Hillmen's area. Evans appeared to bring the ball down with his head but play continued and the Falcons' striker rifled his shot into the bottom far corner of goal from just inside the area.

Box Hill hit back through a

stunning Peter Verachia goal in the 38th minute. The young striker outbusted John Higham and struck the ball on the bounce, from 25 metres out, sending it whistling past Bill Whiteside to make it 2-1.

Falcons restored their two goal cushion just four minutes into the second stanza. Don Lawler and Brownlie were caught square by a fine Evans' through ball to McGuinness, who neatly tucked it past the advancing McKinlay from about 20 metres.

But within six minutes scores were level. Paul Priestley was brought down inside the Falcons' area and Richard Miranda converted from the spot to make it 3-2 in the 52nd minute. Three minutes later a superb header from Matt McDonald, into the roof of the net from 12 metres out, made it 3-3. But Box Hill men's good work, in fighting back from a two goal deficit, was wasted by the 78th minute incident. Coach Bill Murray was left to ponder the inability of his side to get a point after scoring three goals away from home.

In the 83rd minute young Ian McGinnagle, who had come in place of Millar, took a long throw which fell at the feet of Wall who scored just inside the right-hand post.

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YARRAVILLE 2 (N. Melotis 2nd, Terzakis 12th) CLIFTON HILL 2.

YARRAVILLE: N. Apostolida, A. Trebakis, D. Apostolida, F. Dimitriou, T. Amantidis, A. Terzakis, J. Vouliarakis, P. Perdis, N. Melotis, J. Liakopoulos, A. Xanthopoulos (Kallipolis 37th).

Yarraville scorers: Melotis 2nd, Terzakis 12th.

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WHAT A GREAT FINAL

KAT'S CORNER

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MANCHESTER UNITED 2 (Stapleton 55th, Wilkins 72nd) BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION 2 (Smith 14th, Stevens 86th). English F.A. Cup final at Wembley Stadium, London, last Saturday. Crowd: 100,000. Referee: Alf Frey 9.

MANCHESTER UNITED:
Bailey 7 — Duxbury 6, Moran 5, McQueen 6, Albiston 6 — Robson 6, Wilkins 8, Muehrren 8 — Davies 7, Stapleton 7, Whistler 6. Manager: Ron Atkinson.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION: Moseley 7 — Ramsay 7 (inj. Ryan 55th, 7), Stevens 9, Gitting 8, Pearce 7 — Smillie 8, Grealish 8, Case 8, Howlett 8 — Robinson 7.

Smith 7. Manager: Jimmy Mola.

Gordon Smith, bought by Brighton in 1980 from Glasgow Rangers, blew probably his last chance to add credibility to his \$720,000 transfer fee down south when he nuffed a gilt-edged chance to break the deadlock in the final minute of extra time.

Recent F.A. Cup finals have played their part in adding to the aura surrounding the competition. Despite Manchester United's glamor pitted against a seemingly impotent rival in relegated Brighton, this televised final had everything — bone-jarring tackles, great individual tussles, and emerging international talent in Brighton's central defender Gary Stevens and a world class goal from United midfielder Terry Wilkins.

Jimmy Case's studs bit into the legs of Bryan Robson and Wilkins three times in the opening 25 minutes. Referee Alf Grey, magnificently inconspicuous for the most part, failed to caution Case. A similar refereeing failure, this time the culprit being United's Norman Whiteside, was the largest blot on Mr. Grey's copybook. The incident occurred in the 53rd minute, and involved Brighton right back Chris Ramsay, hacked down by a late Whiteside tackle.

Yet, the Case and Whiteside episodes readily fade from mind, cast aside by a virtuoso Wilkins goal, an unblemished display from Stevens, capped by his 86th minute equaliser, and a nail-biting 30 minutes of extra time with Smith's miss the outstanding feature. Then there was the passing of Dutchman Arnold Muehrren. His 40-metre crossfield pass which led to United's second goal was breathtaking.

Brighton scored after 14 minutes and every onlooker forgot about underdog and favorite labels. We had a great contest. The Seagulls' goal appropriately was built up by captain Tony Grealish who squared the ball from the left to Neil Smillie, Brighton's most effective counter punc-

And now the replay...

her, who again squared to tireless Gary Howlett. The Eire youth international cleverly chipped the ball over a sadly out of touch Kevin Moran and Smith headed down and past Gary Bailey from the far post. Ten minutes into the second half Brighton's lead vanished. Mike Duxbury got a lucky break as he charged down the right, playing a one-two off the left of a Brighton defender, then crossing a header post where Whiteside headed on and Stapleton, sliding in, rifled the ball into the roof of the net.

United must have thought that the cup was won when Muehrren smacked an inch-perfect pass to Wilkins on the right, just outside the penalty box. The English international cut inside, saw Graham Oseley fractionally off the goal line, and curled the ball, samba style, into the top corner of goal to make it 2-1.

But fate had two cards to play. Its first, with four minutes left, levelled the scores. Its second, in the final minutes of extra time, ensured that 100,000 football daft fans and millions in front of TV sets would be spellbound once more, on Thursday night (early Friday morning Australian time) and who would be crazy enough to predict the outcome?

Steve Potter seeks move

Goalkeeper Steve Potter wants to leave Preston Makedonia.

"It's pointless playing in the reserves every week I won the top goalkeeper award with 'Soccer Action' last year and thought that I had a really good season. Now I have to spend an hour travelling to training and an hour going back home just to play in the reserves," said Potter.

"I'll talk to the committee this week and ask for a transfer."

Cruyff Cup king, Bettenga in U.S.

Dutch champion Ajax Amsterdam completed a soccer double when it beat Nec Nijmegen 3-1 (halftime 0-0) in a cup final second leg match. Ajax, crowned as league champions 10 days earlier, also won the first on 3-1. Watched by a crowd of 22,000, veteran striker Johan Cruyff, 36, who will leave Ajax on July 1, scored the third goal 10 minutes from the end. Despite their defeat, Nijmegen, who are relegated to the second division, will take part in the European Cup Winners' Cup competition next season as Ajax will be competing in the European Cup. **Scorers:** Ajax — Gerald Vanenburg (46th minute, 52), Johan Cruyff (80). Nijmegen — Hank Grim (60, penalty).

Star parade

Notable names in the NASL are Mike Hewitt, the former Dundee keeper (with Golden Bay Earthquakes) and Joe Corrigan, the ex-Manchester City and England goalie, now Seattle Sounders. San Diego Sockers sport Kaz Denya, the former Polish international winger, Chicago Sting, the ex-Manchester United and England winger, Toronto Blizzard have Swedish international keeper Jan Moeller and are on the verge of signing Juventus and Italy striker Roberto Bettenga. Fort Lauderdale Strikers have Peruvian international Teofilo Cubillas and ex-Arsenal striker Brian Kidd; Tampa Bay Rowdies line up with West German striker Franz Gerber and Team America's almost all-Yank line-up have no big names. Divisions are: (West)



From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Golden Bay Earthquakes, San Diego Sockers, Seattle Sounders, Vancouver Whitecaps (East) New York Cosmos, Chicago Sting, Toronto Blizzard and Montreal Manic (South) Fort Lauderdale Strikers Tampa Bay Rowdies, Team America and Tulsa Roughnecks.

Vancouver Whitecaps beat the biggest captures, with Franz Thijssen, the former Ipswich player and Dutch international who was PFA Player of the Year in 1982, Dave Watson, the Stoke City defender capped 65 times for England, and David Cross, the Manchester City striker.

Yugoslavs

Retiring Liverpool manager Bob Paisley reckons that the Yugoslavs have the right characteristics for the Football League as they are a hardy race who stand up for themselves.

Beckenbauer

Franz Beckenbauer who has rejoined New York Cosmos, has repped West German stars who have turned their backs on the national side. The "Kaiser" particularly points to players like

Nyilasi

Reports indicate that Hungarian star Tiber Nyilasi, 28, who plays in the midfield for Ferencvaros, may be allowed to leave his country for a suitable fee thought to be around \$800,000. Nyilasi has already had talks with Spanish and Italian clubs and has said that playing in England would interest him.

Modest Zico

The Brazilian star Zico who has turned down several offers from top European clubs, has indicated his intention to finish his career with Flamengo. Zico says there are more important things than just money.

\$6 mil. deal

The Football League in England has clinched a \$6 million sponsorship deal with Japanese Camera Company Canon. But if there is no football shown on T.V. Canon P.R. man Martin Walter says they will obviously have to restructure the deal.

Nicholas

Next few weeks will decide

the future of golden boy Charlie Nicholas of Celtic. Inter-Milan has watched him twice recently, Torino has already made an approach as also has Liverpool. But if Nicholas decides to reject Celtic's new offer to make him the highest paid player in Scotland, then my bet is he will join Manchester United.

Brooking

Trevor Brooking, 31, the former England star out of the game for a year with a groin injury, made a comeback for West Ham in its second last match of the season against Arsenal. Brooking becomes a free agent this summer but is likely to stay with the Hammers if fit.

Fighting Brazil

Brazil's new national coach Carlo Alberto Pereira has warned his squad they must fight harder on the field, get tough without being dirty and place less emphasis on soccer that is nice to watch in a bid to reclaim their world No. 1 rating.

Sack Bearzot

With Italy floundering in the European Championships and Dine Zoff's international career over after that blue against Rumania, the Italian Press has stepped up its campaign to get rid of team manager Enzo Bearzot.

Keegan

Kevin Keegan has warned that he will not sign another contract for Newcastle unless he sees a couple of top quality signings by the club.



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Il momento della verità per i tifosi Juventini

L'eterna storia di "chi è nato prima, l'uovo o la gallina?", che da anni sembra condizionare il "rendimento" e il "sostenimento" della Juventus, è ormai stato risolto a favore del rendimento.

Quest'anno finalmente si è venuto a sapere che "il rendimento" è nato prima. La squadra veleggiava con il vento in poppa, in cima alla classifica, verso il campionato che non vinceva dall'ormai lontano 1970. E, oltretutto, da spettacolo di bel gioco come assieme. Ora vediamo se se dal "rendimento" nasce il "sostenimento" da parte dei tifosi e della comunità italiana in generale, che da anni negavano il loro contributo con la motivazione che squadra, e comitato, non meritavano l'appoggio incondizionato a causa delle continue brutte figure in campo e fuori.

Fino ad ora il comitato, a parte qualche svariazione dovuta

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principalmente alla inesperienza, ha fatto cose egregie. Innanzitutto si è assicurato il miglior allenatore disponibile sul mercato, John Margariis, quindi ha rinforzato la non trascurabile squadra dell'anno scorso non vendendo nessun giocatore e acquistandone tre indovinatissimi, Rogers, Drinocky e Lloyd. Il gran lavoro del team manager Joe Casso contribuiva quindi a portare fra la squadra un ottimo spirito e un senso di efficacia che non si vedevano dai tempi di Giglio Simonato.

In campo organizzativo, il comitato femminile, capeggiato dalla Signora Silvana Tenace, riscuoteva il lato sociale del club con un fitto calendario di manifestazioni all'insegna di una certa ricercatezza che attirava il pubblico italiano "Bene" e con tanti visi nuovi.

In campo giovanile, Joe Mirabella e i suoi "Giovani Juventini" portavano quella boccata d'aria fresca in un club che tendeva ad invecchiare, dando ai giovani italo-australiani tanti buoni motivi per interessarsi al calcio come avevano fatto i loro genitori. Con le loro sgarbiate magliette e le molte bandiere bianconere, questi ragazzi stanno diventando una parte così visibile e dinamica del club.

...oltre naturalmente alle migliaia di dollari che stanno generando per potenziare le squadre "primavera" e alle tante altre attività che mettono in buona luce il club.

La sezione juniors, capeggiata da Donato Manduca e il suo affiatato comitato di genitori, sta facendo di Summer Park un centro giovanile modello, pieno di attività e con un accordo sempre crescente dove spesso nel passato c'erano stati disarmonia, mancanza di cooperazione e perfino aperti litigi.

Anche nel settore amministrativo-finanziario il comitato ha fatto dei veri e propri miracoli riuscendo a ridurre il deficit ereditato di qualcosa come \$30.000, grazie anche alla solidarietà di alcuni garanti, e sta contrattando continuamente per accordi con gli altri creditori.

La Juventus come un assieme di club, amministrazione, squadra e sottocomitati non è mai andata così bene nella sua lunga storia. E lo diciamo con ampia esperienza del passato e ottima conoscenza del presente. La Juventus è finalmente un vero club, nel senso più completo dell'espressione, con tutti i reparti organizzatissimi e rendendo al massimo. Quello che manca è solo un slancio sostenitore sia dei tifosi che della comunità in generale. Il numero dei soci, nonostante sia quasi raddoppiato nelle ultime due settimane, è ancora uno dei più bassi nella squadra recente del club e gli spettatori, anch'essi in aumento, sono ancora troppo pochi.

Inoltre i grandi industriali della comunità, parte quei pochi che hanno consentito a uno sponsorship parziale a causa di legami personali con dirigenti bianconeri, sono nuovamente i grandi assenti in questo completo fiorire del più glorioso club italiano di Melbourne, che oltre ad essere essenzialmente un'associa-

zione sportiva è pure sempre una gloria nazionale ed esponente della nostra cultura di popolo che nello sport ha sempre eccelso.

I tifosi debbono fare di più e la comunità in generale, specialmente gli uomini d'affari, debbono cominciare a muoversi. Vincere è bello per tutti, sia per quelli che vanno al campo, sia per quelli che seguono a mezzo della stampa e della radio, ma una squadra vincente costa più soldi di una che perde e gli incassi, una volta tolte le spese di campo, arbitri e polizia, non coprono nemmeno la metà degli stipendi per giocatori e tecnici. Se continua a vincere la Juventus ha anche bisogno di aumentare i suoi incassi da tutte le fonti.

I tifosi hanno ormai l'obbligo morale di farsi soci del club e possono avvantaggiarsi del fatto che il comitato ha deciso di stabilire una quota di "rendimento" di \$40, da questa settimana. Anche se a quota ridotta, questa iscrizione da tutti i diritti di soci, incluso quello di partecipare e ristornare all'assemblea generale di fine anno. Inoltre i tifosi dovrebbero fare da "rappresentanti" verso i loro amici, facendoli fare soci o portandoli almeno alle partite di casa al comitato Olympic Park. E poiché tutti abbiamo conoscenze a diversi livelli, perché non cominciare a mettere una buona parola con i vari commercianti ed industriali della comunità italiana? Questi possono farsi soci "Gold Pass" (a \$250), diventare sponsor o fare delle elargizioni in denaro o di altri modi. Il comitato, la squadra e i sottocomitati stanno facendo la loro parte in modo eccellente, ma non possono durare per sempre di questo passo. Ora che è finalmente nato il "Rendimento", non ci sono più scuse per non dare il "sostenimento".

ARRIVA FINALMENTE IL TERRENO

Un'altra notizia che farà molto piacere a tutti, e che metterà alla prova altre promesse fatte da tanti nel passato, è che il Comune di Brunswick, alla sua riunione di lunedì prossimo quasi certamente renderà ufficiale l'assegnazione del terreno di Victoria Street, alla Juventus. Finalmente ci sarà anche il terreno per costruire campo e sede dopo oltre 35 anni di storia juventina a Melbourne!

Tutti coloro che si sentono in dovere di partecipare fattivamente a questa meravigliosa rinascita del club, di tutti i modi, possono mettersi in contatto con il presidente Mainenti (480 3255), i vice presidenti Verducci (689 2520) e Schiavello (338 4555), il tesoriere Costanzo (386 0079), e gli altri membri del comitato, Caruso (312 4711), Scuderi (311 2009), Tenuta (383 2213 a tutte le ore) e Cerantoni (689 6750 a tutte le ore), oppure con l'ex presidente Santamaria (387 6233).

FACILE VITTORIA DELLA JUVENTUS

Rivolgendo la nostra attenzione ai campi di gioco, dobbiamo notare l'irrisoria facil-

ta' con la quale la Juventus si è disfiata del pericoloso Northcote, la buona prova del Morwell che ha battuto il sorprendente Box Hill, e l'inspettata giornata del Fawkner contro il Croatia. La Juventus, anche se priva di Zini e Incantalupo, è andata a segno quattro volte contro un Northcote che aveva recentemente colto ottimi risultati tanto da trovarsi a ridosso del quarto di testa. Gli uomini di Margariis hanno fatto una piacevole passeggiata domenicale, compostissimi in difesa, dominatori a centrocampo e ristornatori in attacco da dove viene la più bella nota della giornata con la tripla messa a segno da French. Il centravanti che non ha certo brillato fino ad ora, potrebbe aver così risolto il suo problema di grinta e morale e diventare la punta di diamante della squadra come i suoi mezzi e la sua lunga reputazione dovrebbero dettare. A dir la verità le occasioni create dall'intera squadra sono state tante che French ha avuto solo "l'imbarazzo della scelta" di quali spingere in rete, ma è indubbio che egli si è mosso con destrezza e con impegno. Lloyd è stato indubbiamente il migliore in campo con il suo gran lavoro in posizione di punta arretrate e con una grande rete a volo in mezza girata. Anche Hird ha fatto nuovamente un partitone e, oltre ad essere molto sicuro in difesa, ha fatto costantemente la spola sulla fascia sinistra creando grandi occasioni per gli avanti.

La difesa in blocco è stata ottima e molto ben controllata, anche se Pat Bannan ha fatto qualche passeggiata alla ricerca della marcatrice, cosa che potrebbe essere pericoloso in caso di contropiede. Purtroppo le condizioni di "salute" della squadra vanno peggiorando e sia Rogers che Swincoe rischiano di dover marcare visita prima o poi poiché stanno giocando in condizioni precarie a causa del limite numerico di giocatori. Però il comitato si sta muovendo per trovare rinforzi e c'è da sperare che abbia successo prima che la situazione peggiori.

LA FRUSTA FUNZIONA A MORWELL

Il Morwell è tornato alla vittoria contro il non trascurabile Box Hill che sta facendo cose egregie per una recluta del massimo campionato. Boggi sembra abbia finalmente impugnatore la frusta, relegando fra le riserve o in panchina almeno tre dei suoi "Cannoni", rimaneggiando la difesa completamente con l'esclusione di Darby e Short e l'arretamento di Bingham e Young. In attacco Mitten è stato messo temporaneamente da parte, dando così fiducia a Tony Van Baar, il più volitivo e generoso della rosa, mentre O'Callaghan si è definitivamente inserito a centrocampo.

LA FRUSTA FUNZIONA A MORWELL

La squadra ha giostato molto meglio, con più brío, e con maggiore volontà di vincere. Boggi sicuramente riporrà Mitten alla prima squadra quando sarà sicuro che la lezione (e l'esempio) sia stato imparato. Aspettiamo la conferma nelle prossime settimane prima di "ripromuove-

re" il Falconi a candidati di una delle maggiori poltrone in questo campionato che è ancora molto lungo e che sicuramente ancora riserva crolli e sorprese.

FAWKNER IN GIONATA NERA

Il Fawkner, che nelle scorse settimane sembrava aver ritrovato quello spirito battagliero che lo aveva distinto all'inizio di stagione, è crollato di fronte al Croatia con il secco punteggio di 0-4 principalmente a causa di un grande buco a centrocampo e la conseguente mancanza di raccordi fra la difesa e l'attacco. Cirkovic ha cercato di correre ai ripari sostituendo Carlo Sabidussi e Andy Bozikas con Rajko Curcija e Tony Mainenti nella ripresa, senza però ottenere alcun miglioramento.

Un assieme di complesso d'inferiorità e scadenza di "cuore" hanno lasciato l'undici azzurro alla mercé di uno scatenato Croatia che era intenzionato a far dimenticare la recente sconfitta contro la Juventus e il pareggio casalingo con il Croaydon. I soli Tuffield, Kondarios e Fattore si sono salvati dalla generale carionda. Peccato, perché una bella prova contro i croati avrebbe messo le ali al Fawkner. Comunque non è la fine del mondo, poiché tutte le squadre hanno la loro giornata nera e, siamo sicuri, il Fawkner saprà riprendersi e continuare il suo buon comportamento in questa prima esperienza nel massimo campionato.

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

NESRETAN PORAZ "PLAVIH"

JUST se vratio porazen iz Sidneja prvi put ove godine. "Plavi" su zaslužili najmanje jedan bod, jer su imali vreme da igre, narocito u završetku. Teren je bio težak za igru, skoro nemoguć, što je pomoglo domaćinu. Boland je bez potrebe primio jedan gol.

Jedno je sigurno da se PLAVI više ne predaju lako i da će u narednim utakmicama biti zadovoljavajuće rezultate. I ovog puta JUST je bio prinuđen da igra oslabljen, jer je Paton, majstor za blatinjave terene bio suspendovan zbog tri zuta kartona, koje su sudije olako daju igračima JUST-a, jer imaju dva merila. Šetmo se samo prošle utakmice sa Aleksandrom i sudije Zmama, koji je teško ostetio "plave", ne samo zbog nedozvoljenog penala, već i zutih kartona, nepravedno dodeljenih, zbog čega se gubi i sledeća utakmica.

U nedelju 29. maja JUST dočekuje Brisbane City na svom igralistu u Footscrayu. "PLAVI" će nastupiti u najboljem sastavu, a postoji mogućnost da budu pojačani sa McDougallom iz Skotske.

SLATKA OSVETA

MAKEDONIJA je ubedljivo pobedila Sydney City i slatko se osvetila za sve poraze do sada. Ako ne bude bilo povreda i drugih nevolja sa ovim timom i ovakvim raspoloženjem treba očekivati još bolji rezultat i eventualno osvajanje prvenstva Nacionalne lige, što i sada nije uspešno u jednom klubu iz Melburna. Makedonija je možda jedini tim, koji je u ovoj sezoni napravila profit na igricama. Otvorila se balasta, a dobila bolje igrače. Vise vredi George Campbell, Makedoniji, nego Doug Brown Hellasu. Svakako, najveći dobitak su Zoran Illoski i Zarko Ozdakov.

U nedelju 29. maja Makedonija igra u Brisbanu protiv uvek neugodnog Lionsa.

HRABRA ODLUKA

Na putu za Novi Zeland novopeceni engleski prvligaši Queens Park Rangers zelee je da odigra nekoliko utakmica u Australiji. Osim Zapadne Australije Niko nije imao hrabrosti da prihvati skromnu ponudu, koja se bogato isplati. Prošle srede Velodrom u Pertu bio je dupke pun, tako da su svi ulazi zatvoreni sat pre početka utakmice. Iako umorni od puta, gosti su pružili izvanrednu igru i ubedljivo pobedili reprezentaciju Zapadne Australije sa 6:1. Pored finansijskog postignut je moralni uspeh. Pitanje je da li će tako biti sa mnogim reklamiranim turnejom reprezentacije Engleske, koja nam dolazi sa drugom garniturom, što će negativno uticati na posetu, a možda i kvalitet igre.

KO RASIPA "NARODNO BLAGO"?

Na svim stranama se govori o prinudnoj sednici i pravilnoj upotrebi novca. Svet je opravdano zabrinut zbog stanja ekonomije, koja tesko pogadja drugu većinu stanovnika Australije. Nezaposlenost, pored svih kolicina i pokušaja višestruke otpornosti, brzina, ali isto tako cena. Svi su zabrinuti osim naših nogometašnih glavešina, dok klubovi graju u dugovima. Iznenadili smo se kad smo čuli izjavu bivšeg engleskog kapitana Greenwooda da je dosao u Australiju kao gost nogometnog saveza. Da li to znači da mu je pacen puti boravak? I zbog čega has Greenwood?

Nedavno je savez Australije odlucio da posalje dva novinara dnevnih listova o svome trošku na omla-

dinsko prvenstvo sveta u Meksiku. I do sada su novinari odili, ali o trošku svojih redakcija. Savez je hito da izadje u susret onim novinarima, cije redakcije nisu bile voljne da potroše neki dolar na nogomet. Izbor je napravljen po licnim simpatijama i bez savetovanja sa novinarskim udruženjem.

Da ne bi bila zapostavljena etnicka stampa skocila je "pomoc" Nacionalna liga Australije. Bez potrebe bez savetovanja, po licnim i možda politickim simpatijama, poslat po jedan "etnicki" novinar iz Melburna i Sidneja. Ni jedan nije član Udruženja fudbalskih (soccer) novinara, a oni u Sidneju kad nema svojlist, nit bilo sta više, ali ima novinarske ambicije. Eto tako se to radi kod nas, pa nije čudo sto takamo u mestu. Selimo se samo Gutendorfih eksteravancija i putovanja. I da li samo Gutendorf??

JOS JEDAN NEUSPEH ALTONE GATE/VARDAR

Altone Gate/Vardar je potrosila ove godine više novaca na igrače nego ikad do sad, ali ipak se nalazi na poslednjem mestu. Pred utakmicu sa Verbiem prošle nedelje trener Cele Presliski izjavio je da ce podneti ostavku ako Vardar bude ponovo pobedjen. Werthebe je pobedio sa 1:0 i Cele je odrzao obećanje, bar privremeno. Niko ne zna sta ce dalje biti, ali svi se slažu da do promene mora doci. Vardar je igrao u sledećem sastavu: Dimitrijević, Trajkovski (Kilatanovski), Derivovski, Chris Talevski, Šerovski, Lube Talevski (Atanasovski), Jovanovski, Dimovski, Milcević, Belier, Ristovski. Boje nego do sada igrao je Mendo Ristovski, ali sta vredi kada nema golova. Prvi put je igrao Lube Talevski, koji je presao iz JUSA-a,

ali je zamenjen posle odmora, iako je bio jedan od najboljih igrača. Iduće subote Altone Gate/Vardar igra u gostima protiv Frankston pinesa, a uvece navlači iz sela Kureciana (ima ih oko 500 u Melburnu) slave letnjeg Sv. Nikolu u Thomastownu. Bicu im sigurno gost.

DRAGANOVI SOLOVI

Richmond se vratio iz Bell Parka sa jednim bodom, sahaljujući opet Dragana Vasicu, koji je postigao nevidenu golovinu sa 30 metara iz slobodnog udarca. Ovo je sveleti Draganovali u ovoj sezoni, iako nije igrao dve utakmice, a tri samo jedno poluvremeno.

CROATIA je ocitala nogometnu lekciju Cirinim momcima i sknila ih sa oblaka, gde su se uspravili. Kako li ce tek proci neiskusni drugi tim JUST-a protiv "crvenih" bombardera u osmini finala Dockerty Kupa "29. juna na Olympic Parku.

"PLAVI" POBEDILI "RAGBI" TIM

Da Waverley City igra ragbi zauzeo bi visoko mesto na tabeli. Na njihovom nesrecu i sudije im gledaju kroz prste grubu igru, sto im malo pomaze kada igraju protiv fudbalskih majstora. JUST je zaslužio pobedu sa 1:0, sto je skroman rezultat za prikazanu igru. Treba priznati da je golman domaceg tima bio heroj utakmice. Ovakv talentovan dvometars uhvatio je u lepije kao krukce, osim jednog Vojda "plavi" navale obisao ga je majstor i isposlo loptu u mrežu. Usput je jedan igrač Waverleya potvrdio gol rukom. Na iznenađenje svih prisutnih sudija nije priznao gol, vec je dosudio jedanaesterac. Iz koga je Ariel Perez Reigosa ipak postigao gol. Jos jedan jedanaesterac "plavi" nisu iskoristili, kada su dva igrača divljacki otisli Emila Petrova u kaznenom prostoru. Udarac sa bele tacke izveo je Jim Fernandez, ali ga je iskusni golman procitao. "Plavi" su posle utakmice morali da produku kroz spalir odusevljenih navijaca na celu sa Pejnom Vukadinovicem, Ilijom Dukelincem i Zoranom Bogdanovicem.

U subotu 28. maja drugi tim JUST-a gost je Kellor/Austrije. Ringwood/Srbija je visoko porazila oslabljeni drugi tim Makedonije sa 4:1 (2:0), koji se potpuno demoralisao posle letino dosadnog penala. U subotu 28. maja drugi tim Makedonije dočekuje Dandenong City na Conner Reserve, dok je Ringwood/Srbija gost Springvale City-a.

PRVA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

LALOR/SLOBA je postigla drugu zastopnu pobedu protiv Chelsea, koga je savladala u gostima sa 2:0, ali zato su neocikvano porazeni na svom terenu: Hawkburn i Carlton/Madost. Za Hawkburn vazi stara bibljiska prica, po kojoj su posle sedam rodih godina nastupile sedam sudija. Uvek neugodni Langwarrin pobedio je Hawkburna sa 2:1, dok je East Brunswick kao "gost" na ovom igralistu boerne i beskućne (nemaju svoje igraliste) iz Carlton/Madost pregazio sa 4:0. U subotu 28. maja igraju se sledeće utakmice: Lalor/Slova, Clayton, Hawkburn v. Yarraville i Monash Uni. v. Carlton/Madost.

UPLASILI PRVAKA

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO je po drugi put uzastopce izbeglo neugodnost i posle deset kola (jedini je nas tim neporažen bez izgubljenog boda) u ovom prvenstvu. "PLAVI" su pobedili Mitcham sa 1:0 (1:0) zaslužio je samo jedan gol postigao u jedanaesterac u 67. minutu. Golman Milan Mandić je zaradio i odbranio jedanaesterac. Jedini gol postigao je Milan Stojilovic u 8. minutu. Najbolji igrač, Marjan Bistić, Ninoslav Spicic i Petar Desić. Bezaraz je izgubila prvi bod u prvenstvu, posle utakmice završila nerešeno bez golova. Na vrucem terenu South Parkmore/Hajduka juniori Bratstvo/Jedinstvo 1900 12 godina igrali su nerešeno 2:2 (0:1). Strelci: Koe Van Lee i Branko Comić.

BURNLEY — ALTONA UTD./VOJVOĐINA 3:1 (2:1). Najslabija igra Vojvodine u ovoj sezoni, iako je postigao u jednom sastavu nego prošle subote. Jedini gol postigao je Paul Gallo u 8. minutu, posto je Miki Cvetkovski pre toga srušen u kaznenom prostoru. Najbolji igrači: Paul Gallo, Stan Peska i Steve Vojnja. Za iduću utakmicu protiv Clarinide vracaju se u sastav Slobodan Dimitrijević i Alex Micevski.

BRUNSWICK CITY — PASCOE VALE/PELISTER 1:5 (1:2). Uzalud se sudija trudio da promene domaci tim kada je Pelister bio nezadrživ. Jedini je uspeo da smanji poraz, koji bi inače bio dvostruci. Strelci: Tony Centarino 41. Tome Apostolovski iako "star" 40 godina Nikola Puljencic je bio na голу Pelistera punih 10 godina, dok se nije Koe Avramovski smilovao da dodje. Rezerva je igrala nerešeno 2:2 (0:2). Strelci: Vince Colakovski i Mihajlo Tasovski.

U subotu 28. maja igraju se PELISTER v. University of Melbourne i BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO v. Hampton Wanderers.

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H ΔΟΞΑ ΠΡΟΗΓΟΥΜΕΝΕΣ 2-0 ΑΛΛΑ ΜΕΤΑ... 2-2

"Η πρωτοπόρος καί άθιγτη δόξα Γιάρραβιλ στο ντέρμπυ με το ξλιφτον Χιλ στο γηπεδό της, ξεκίνησε περίφημα, πέρασε μπροστά στο σκόρ 2-0 στο 12' της συνάντησης καί ενύ δλα έβλεψαν ότι θα κέρδιζε το παρινίδι εθνολα, δίο βασικά σφάκλια της άμυνας της στοίχησαν δύο τέραματα πού έδωσαν την ισοπαλία στους άναπλάους της καί χάρισαν έναν άκόμη πολύτιμο βαθμό.

Σε ντέρμπυ παίχθηκε μέσα σε άθλητικά κλασία παρά τού ότι ή διατακτική ήταν σε βόρος της δόξας της όπολος οι παίκτες ελβαν κίτρινες κάρτες (Παμπάζης, Τερζάκης, Ντ. Αποστολίδης) χωρίς λόγω.

Επίσης τού πένταλντ που έδωσε εις βόρος τού τερατοφύλακα Νίκου 'Αποστολίδη, ήταν καί πάρα πάνω από άυστηρό.

Νομίζουμε ότι ή Ποδοσφαιρική Όμοσπονδία θα πρέπει να δίνει μεγαλύτερη προσοχή, τουλάχιστο σε άγόνους ντέρμπυ καί να στέλνει διατακτικές πού να μπορούν να βγάλουν κέρα τά παρινίδια.

"Ο κ. CIPANO τού όπολου ή ηλικία τού δέν τού έπιτρέπει να βρίσκεται κοντά στις φάσεις έκανε χοντρά σφάκλια καί όλα εις βόρος της δόξας. Θά ήταν πολύ να τού δένανε άκόμη καί I βαθμό.

Στο 2' ο Νίκος Μελέτης με πλασαριστί σούτ έκανε τού 1-0 καί στο 12' ο Περζάκης με μονοκόμματο σούτ άνέβασε τού σκόρ οίγου ρεζονας την νίκη πού όμως δέν ήλθε γιά την δόξα.

Στο 25' κατά την γνώμη τού ρεφερύ ο τερατοφύλακας Αποστολίδης έκανε πένταλντ. Τού κτίησε ο Σ. Κυριακίδης καί μείωσε σε 2-1 γιά να έλθει μετά δύο λεπτά καί ή ισοφάριση με τόν Μπελεγκρινό.

Στην συνέχεια χάθηκαν δύο καλές εύναιριες από τόν Μελέτη καί μία από τόν Περζάκη.

Τήν 1η θέση τάρα ή δόξα την μοιράζεται με τού 'Εστ Μπρέντονγ' καί τού Σάββατο ή έλληνική μας όμάδα δίνει ένα άκόμη δυσκολο άγώνα εντός έδρας με τού Χάμοκπουρν. Οι συνθέσεις τών όμάδων:

ΔΟΞΑ: Ν. Αποστολίδης, Τζαμπίζης, Ντ. Αποστολίδης, Φ. Δημητρίου, Αμνατιλίδης, Βοδάρης, Τερζάκης, Πετρίδης, Ζανθόπουλος (Βασιρίδας, Καλλιπολίτης) Λιακόπουλος, Ν. Μελέτης. ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ: Κόργιος, Καραβιώτης, Πατριάνος, Λορέντζι, Μυστριώτης, Μπελεγκρινός, Σ. Κυριακίδης, Πάκος, Ανδριώτης, Ι. Κυριακίδης, Πετρίδης, Π. Πετρίδης.

H Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ 2-2

"Αν καί έκανε ή Ν. Ελλάδα από τού Εδουκουρν 2-0 τελικά κατόρθωσε στο 80' να μείωσε με τόν Τζεφερνιέμο 2-1 καί στο 86' με πένταλντ τού Πικανιού.

"Από την όμάδα άπουλάζαν οι Χαμακιδής, Κωστόπουλος (τραυματίας), Σταυρίδης (είναι στην 'Ελλάδα) καί Γκέσιος (έχει διαφοράς με τόν σύλλογο).

"Επαιξαν οι Καραμούζης, Σακελάρης, Τακινός, Δούκας, Ακριτίδης, Τζεφερνιέμος, Σοφλάκης, Παντζάρας, Κανεσούλης, Γεωργίου, Πασάκος, Κερεσιδής.

ΚΙ' ΑΛΛΗ ΝΙΚΗ Η ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Τήν Μπουνούτερ Σκότ νίκησε ή πρωτοπόρος 'Ενωση Ποντίων 3-1 καί συνεχίζει να είναι τού φαβορί γιά την κατάκτηση τού τίτλου της Β' τού 'Υπέρστοριαλ Αθην.

Τά γκολ γιά την έλληνική όμάδα τά πέτυχαν οι Τζέκ καί Τζών Κατλίνο καί Λούης 'Ιωσηφίδης.

"Επαιξαν οι: Φώτης, Γ. Μπακόπουλος, Ξυστρατίου, Κουλοβάς, 'Ιωσηφίδης (Βελιζίδης), Μήλιος, Τζέκ Κατλίνο, Σ. Κουτρονιζίδης, Τζών Κατλίνο, Χατζιδής (80' Κωνσταντάρας), Χρ. Κωνσταντάρας.

"Η Β' όμάδα έφερε 2-2 ισοπαλία (Π. Τσιρίδης, Σ. Κουτρονιζίδης).

ΝΕΑ ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΑΘΑ

Μέ 5-1 έχασε ο Πελοπας από τού Ρόκμαντ καί ήλθε ακόμη κιό δύσκολη θέση. Σέ μοναδικό τέραμα πέτυχε ο Φιλίππης. Σέ γουρα τού Δ. Σμιθόβλο το σύλλογο να πρέ γουρα να κινηθεί κατάλληλα γιά να άποκτήσει μεριμνο παίκτες πριν χάσει την κατηγορία.

Τήν θέση τού τεχνικού άνέλαβε ο πεπειραμένος Τρβφωας Μοσχάτος όλλά ο άνθρωπος δέν είναι μάγος καί θά πρέπει όλοι μαζί να σταθούν κοντά τού.

ΕΥΧΕΣ ΣΤΟΝ ΑΔΑ ΣΥΡΙΝΙΑΔΗ

Στο νοσοκομείο βρίσκεται ο ταλαντούχος παίκτης τού Μέγα Β' 'Αβας Εβρινιάδης μετά από πρόσφατο τραυματισμό τού σε άγώνα της όμάδας τού.

"Η στήλη τού στήχαι ταχείαν άνάφρωση καί έλπίσει σύντομα να βρεθεί στους άγωνιστικούς χώρους.

"Σε θά θέλαμε να σημειώσουμε ότι κανέναν από τούς άπευθύνους τού 'Αλέξανδρου δέν πήγε στο νοσοκομείο γιά να δει τόν παίκτη.

ΝΕΟ ΑΠΟΚΤΗΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ

"Η δόξα Γιάρραβιλ άπέκτησε τόν ταλαντούχο κουνητό Τζέδ Παλατίδη από τού 'Αρντλερ καί τόν όποιο καλωσορίζουν Δ. Σμιθόβλο καί προσηυτή.

ΣΤΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΒΑΛΚΑΝΙΚΗΣ ΕΡΩΜΑΔΑΣ

ΑΥΓΟΝΑΣ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΟΓΡΑΦΩΝ — ΚΑΛΑΙΤΕΧΝΩΝ

Τό 'Ελληνικό Φεστιβάλ φέτος θά άρχισι στις 20 Αβγούστου καί θά τελειώσει στις 4 τού Σεπτεμβρίου.

Εάντερον πού ένώλάνει πού θά γίνουν

είναι καί ο άγόνας ποδοσφαίρου μεταξύ τών δημοσιογράφων καί τών Καλλιτεχνών της παροικίας μας.

Τήν διοργάνωση, όπως κάθε χρόνο, έχει άνα λάβει ο έλληνοκυργάρος Μάκος Μήλιος ο όπολος ήδη έλασφάλισε τού γηπεδό της 'Ελλάς Μελβούρνς.

Συγκεκριμένα καί κατόπιν συνεντεύσεως με τόν πρόεδρο τού κινώδλεμου σωματείου κ. Λεωνίδα 'Ανελάκη ή συνέντευξη θά γίνει πριν από τόν άγώνα της Ελλάς με την Ιακώδα τού Σόδου.

Επίσης όπως μάς είπε ο πρόεδρος τού Ελληνικού Φεστιβάλ κ. Σπύρος Ρομποτής θά είναι ή 'Εθνική Τράπεζα της 'Ελλάδας.

Στην φετινή διοργάνωση καί συγκεκριμένα στις όμάδες θά μπορούν να παίζουν όσοι είναι δημοσιογράφοι ('Ελληνες καί ξένοι) καί όσοι είναι Καλλιτέχνες.

Δέν θά έπιτραπει να άγωνιστεί όποιοςδήποτε πού δέν θά έχει καμμία σχέση με τούς προαναφερθέντες.

"Επίσης άναμνηστικά θά πάρουν μόνον όσοι άγωνιστούν έκείνη την ήμερα.

Θά κρατηθούν τά τυπικά αυτά μέτρα γιάτι πέρσι από την όμάδα τών δημοσιογράφων ενύ άρχικά βρέθηκαν μερικοί συμπατριώτες στην συνέχεια έδωσαν πρότοι καί καλύτερο τού παρόν προκεμένον να πάρουν τά άναμνηστικά έπαιλα.

Στην προκειμένη περίπτωση δέν νομίζουμε ότι θά πρέπει να έχουν άξιώσεις έφ' όσον δέν θέλουν να άγωνιστούν.

Διατήτης τού άγώνα θά είναι από την Ποδοσφαιρική Όμοσπονδία ο κ. Στέβ Τσασίνης ο όπολος ήταν καί στην περυσινή διοργάνωση.

Γιά περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνήστε στόν έλληνογράφο Μάκο Μήλιο στόν αριθμό...



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ROUND TWELVE THIS SUNDAY MAY 29



SCOTT PATTERSON
(Heidelberg)

HEIDELBERG V WOLLONGONG

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

K.O 3 pm

Previous Results.

'81 0-3

'82 0-2



ROY COTTON
(Wollongong)



IAN PURDIE
(Footscray)

FOOTSCRAY V BRISBANE CITY

SCHINTLER RESERVE

K.O 3 pm.

Previous Results

'77 2-1

'78 2-2

'79 2-0

'80 1-1

'81 1-0

'82 2-0



BILLY WILLIAMSON
(Brisbane City)